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PREFATORY NOTE.

This reprint of the "Sundry Book of 1677–1678" has been undertaken in accordance with the decision of the Government of Madras to publish the records of Fort St. George of the seventeenth and the eighteenth centuries *in extenso*, as explained in the prefatory note to the "Diary and Consultation Book" for 1672–1678.

This is the earliest existing volume of the series of records styled "Sundries," It would, however, appear from the entry "No. 2" beneath the heading on page 1 that it was the second volume of a series.

The volume purports to be a transcript of the register of letters sent to all the subordinate factories from the 15th August 1677 to the 30th November 1678. The original is in a dilapidated condition; but the pages, though loose, are in a fair state of preservation.

As observed by Talboys Wheeler in his "Handbook to the Madras Records", these Sundry Books are "chiefly curious from their age. The correspondence is "generally of a commercial character, though some information may be obtained, "illustrative of the attitude of the Factories towards the Native Powers, and towards "French and English interlopers."

C. M. SCHMIDT,
Officer in charge,
Madras Record Office.

13*th September* 1910.

RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

SUNDRY BOOK

OF

1677-1678.

Transcript of y^e^ Register of Letters Sent to all y^e^ Subordinate ffactories Commencing y^e^ 15 August 1677 and Ending y^e^ 30th of November 1678

No. 2.*

M^R.^ JOB CHARNOCK.

Respected friend &c^a^ CASSUMBAZAR 15 AUGUST 1677

It haveing pleased Almighty God to take M^r^ Walter Clavell from among us (he dying after 4 daies sickness of a violent feaver) and the business of these parts according to the Hon^ble^ Companies Settlement devolving on Matt^s^ Vincent we thought it our duties to Joyne with him, in adviseing to y^e^ Severall Inland ffactories thereby as much as in us lies to Continue the well proceeding of our Masters business in each of them.

And therefore in the first place we doe Confirm what orders you have already received from Said M^r^ Clavell &c^a^ Councell we desire and order you not to draw any money on this factory but that what our Masters business requires for the present that you take Soe much money at interest to carry it on, and we request you to Spare noe paines that the quantity of Peter required may this yeare be procured ready to be Sent home as enordered, assoon as Treasure arrives wee Shall be Sending up your proportion in Specie to b[e] there Sold or Coyned as you Shall find most advantagious.

By our last hence we Sent you Copie of the Hono^ble^: Companies letter to the Cheif and Councell of Bengall your exact Complyance as far as you possibly can, to which we earnestly recommend to you desireing and ordering to make it your rule (as we Shall here allow) for your proceedings both in y^e^ latter investments of this yeare and those with you to make your Investments there we expect Sudden[ly] from you it being ordered by the Cheif &c^a^ ere he dyed.

Wee desire your Opinions ℔ the next of y^e^ manner how best to procure this Kings Phirmaund &c^a^ therein requisite, alsoe what you Can doe with this new Prince hee's now expected as Soone as the Raines are over in Bengall how true know not but desire to be informed.

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* Apparently this was the second volume of a series, but it is the earliest of these volume in the records of Fort St. George.

The latter end of this month or beginning of next Matt^{s} Vincent intends God willing to proceed for Hugly whence Shall further advise what needfull In the interim remaine

Your very Reall friends
MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^{R} EDWARD READE
Respected Friend &c^{a} CASSUMBAZAR AUGUST 15TH 1677.

You will Some daies Since have heard y^{e} unexpected news of the Death of M^{r} Clavell at Ballasore.

What orders in our Masters business you have already received from the Cheif &c^{a}: Councell we Confirme and recommend to your Complyance, the goods the Hono^{ble}: Company requires to be provided in Hugly and Ballasore are viz^{t} Coloured Ginghams 10000 ps, Sannaes if to be bartered with Broadcloth bought 50 ℔ Cent Cheaper then formerly 8000 ps otherwise none Silke Romaulls 12000 ps Nillees 10000 ps Pegu Sticklack or in default of that the blackest and the best lack procureable 50 Tonns we desire you to Send us a Calculation as neer as you can what these goods will amount to at a ready money rate, and what Sort of goods will goe off (we meane not put off) as alsoe to what amo^{t} in the buying of all or any of these goods above mentioned, how to proportion our Stock we Cannot know till the rest of y^{e} Ships arrive, M^{r} Vincent hopes to be in Hugly by the latter end of this month or beginning of next at farthest God willing, we Call not elce to mind Save that we Remaine

Your very Reall friends
MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

P.S. After y^{e} writeing of the foregoeing Came yours of y^{e} 11 Currant those Romaulls you have given money out on as alsoe what formerly enordered as you write by y^{e} late Cheif &c^{a}: to give out money for them all we order you to deteyne 5 Chests of Treasure that Shall God willing Come upon the Arrivall pray advise us whither y^{e} 10000 ps of Romauls ordered by our Masters last yeare were understood to bee the whole ps of 30 Romauls, you need not give to the full amo^{t}: as agreed on but detaine a part in Case of abatement as usuall at receiveing in

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MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^{R} SAMUELL HERVY &C^{A}
Estemed ffriends CASSUMBAZAR 15 AUGUST 1677

Yesterday we received Generall advices from Ballasore with the Starting news of the Death of M^{r} Walter Clavell who died y^{e} 3^{d} Currant of a Violent feaver God in his mercy prepare us for our Change.

What orders in y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies business you have already received from y^{e} Cheif and Councell we Confirme desireing you vigorously to proceed in Complyance therewith, and that you may know what you have to add to what goods by this yeare already provided as alsoe to goe in hand with for the next yeare we have with these Sent Coppy of our Hono^{ble} Masters letter to y^{e} Cheif &c^{a} of Bengall and desire

and order your Complyance therewith as alsoe that you Send them ℔ the next a Calculate of what you can provide of those Goods for this years shipping (not questioning but the whole quantity with what you already have may be timely got in) and their amount, that Soe we may proportion our Stock accordingly, what quick Stock we Send will be in Specie as it Comes out which Shall recommend you to Sell or Coyne as you Shall find all things Considered y^e^ most advantagious for our Masters.

The business of y^e^ Stop at Rajamaul as alsoe y^e^ demand of Custome at y^e^ mint we recommend to your Care what you have done or can doe in y^e^ affront given by M: Zendy Governour at Hugly we desire you to write us whither any thing to y^e^ purpose may be effected and at what rate and in what time, y^e^ answer to those we desire may Come in duplicates and directly hither the other to Hugly (whither M^r^ Matt^s^: Vincent intends God willing to proceed y^e^ Latter end of this month or the beginning of y^e^ next) that Soe when we meet there we may first Consent about this Matter and Come to what Conclusion we shall on all Circumstances find best in which alsoe we desire your Opinion we Call not elce to mind at present Save that we are

Your Very Loveing friends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ EDWARD READE

Respected Friend &c^a^ CASSUMBAZAR 17 AUGUST 1677.

Wee wrote to you yesterday to which we refer you but we then forgot to give you order to Continue y^e^ Sloopes goeing and Comeing betwen Ballasore and Hugly to bring up our Masters Treasure and Goods that Soe we may on your advice what is arrived dispose part of it to y^e^ inland Factories and whereas we give you order to detaine 5 Chests of Treasure out of the Arrivall we find that we [w]ere mistaken and that 3 Chest[s] will be enough they q^t^ from 800^ll^ to 1000^ll^ each we Shall advise to Ballasore that they take Care to dispatch y^e^ Sloops up to you with their Ladeing of Goods and Treasure We Call not elce to mind at present remaine

Your Reall friends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ EDWARD READE &C^A^

Respected Friends &c CASSUMBAZAR 18 AUGUST 1677.

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 15 and 17 Currant to which desire you to be referred this day came yours of y^e^ 13 to our hands together w^th^ y^e^ Coppies of the Severall Generall letters by you Sent to Ballasore and Dacca as to y^e^ business depending in Dacca we have three daies Since written thither to know what may be done and for how much in each of them that Soe at any meeting in Hugly we may Consult how to proceed according to the late order received from y^e^ worp^ll^: Agent & Councell at Fort S^t^: George y^e^ answer to which our letter hope will in good time meet us at Hugly if it Comes Sooner pray keep it there we haveing ordred them to write one duplicate this way alsoe.

To Ballasore find you have written for order to Sell Vermillion and Quicksilver and to buy a parcell of three boyled Salt Petre but in respect of the low price of the one and y^e^ great rate of y^e^ other we desire you to Suspend both till M^r^: Matt Vincents Arrivall with you in Hughly.

Wee Accompanying these Send you the Invoices of Treasure and Goods came on y^e^ Bengall Merchant and desire and order you to draw out Invoices of what of these Goods are or Shall be by you Sent hither or to any other of y^e^ Inland Factories according to order Received and that you Send them to y^e^ respective places with letters of Advice accordingly, Haveing not elce at present to add Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^: VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ JOHN MARSHALL &c^A^
Much Estemed ffriends &c^a^. CASSUMBAZAR Y^E^ 18^TH^: AUGUST 1677

Wee have received yours of y^e^ 4^th^ & 6^th^ Currant with y^e^ most unwelcome news of y^e^ Death of M^r^ Clavell God in his great mercy prepare us all for his change we hope the last yeares Gen^ll^: bookes were perfected and all diffirences reconciled or directions for its drawing up the which will be of good Consequence for keeping all things in a desired Method, we desire you therefore to Send all bookes of Acc^ts^: Registers and all Generall papers belonging to y^e^ Cheifship of Bengall up to M^r^ Edward Read &c^a^ at Hugly Sending them well put up in a Dooly by land and as many Peons as you Shall Judge requisite, And that what light you can give into Said Accompts that you advise M^r^ Reade thereof that if all things be not perfected he may proceed to finish and Shut them up to y^e^ time enordered the Severall papers you mention we have Received and find that you have ordered to be Sent ashoare 8 Chests of Treasure for your factory three of those Chests N^o^ 65 : 66 : 72 : we desire you to Send up to Hugly with the rest of y^e^ Treasure on y^e^ first Sloop in Such a proportion in each as is usuall to loade aboard them and take ashoare at Ballasore Chest N^o^ A w^ch^ is part Silver part Gold which latter we order you to dispose of there in or for the Investments enordered by our Masters, Gold here is worth but 13^r^: 10^a^ ℔ Mohur and is not like to rise the Prince who paies his Soldiers all in Gold being as all people here report Comeing to Bengall assoon as y^e^ Raines are over therefore by all meanes dispose of this Gold there whereby the Dammage likely to accur to our Hon^ble^: Employers will be avoyded Coppy of y^e^ Hon^ble^: Companies letter to Bengall we have Sent you whereby you will See what to be provided in Ballasore which we excharge unto you and order you to Send a Calculate of what you shall want for Compleating Said Investment we have already taken Care for y^e^ paying for y^e^ 5000 Romauls, (each peece 10 Covets 30 Romauls at hugly the remainder you may provide there) if Stephen Gwilliam be in a Condition to travaile pray Send him upon the first Sloope recommending him to M^r^ Reade to forward him hither, assoon as he Comes M^r^ Edwards may Come downe and not Sooner for M^r^ Knipe is Still detained at the Mint as lately advised we admire your factory bookes are not finished to y^e^ end of Aprill y^e^ enordered time of their being ballanced, and doe desire M^r^ Marshall to doe it himselfe and begin and bring on the new ones Since M^r^ Edwards cannot Suddenly be there you have done very well to advise to y^e^ ffort of M^r^ Clavells decease.

Our Masters you will perceive have enordered 50 Tunns of Pegu Sticklack which if you can procure (or what of it you can) pray buy the rest let be Supplyed with the best and blackest lack you can get and let it be bagged according to their orders.

The treble refined Petre will alsoe be acceptable if not ordered which we recommend unto you being uncertaine whither M^r^ Charnock may be able this yeare to procure the quantity of fine Peter required.

Wee desire M^r^ Edmund Bugdens Speedy repaire to Hugly and you may Send your Bookes and papers aforementioned along with him by Land M^r^ Vincent intending God willing to be in Hugly by the end of this or y^e^ beginning of next month we leave it to you as you Shall Judge most Convenient to Send these bookes and papers either by the way of Kindoa or all the way by land if you Send them by Kendoa we will write to M^r^ Reade that he Send a good boate thither to Carry M^r^ Bugden and them up, we recommend to you in all your Contracts to put off goods as well as money provided you buy the goods noe dearer then if for ready money.

The Hon^ble^ Companies Sloopes as they arrive from Hugly with you dispatch againe thither with all Convenient Speed and with a Suitable Ladeing of Treasure and Goods we Call not elce to mind at present remaine

Your Assured Loveing ffriends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

P.S. Sultaun Auzzem being expected in Bengall and being one who is much taken with Rarities we desire you to Sear[ch] what you Can of any Ingenious devices on bo[ard] these Ships to present him withall in Case he Comes Triangular Glasses Secure Some and any thing elce you know to be taken with y^e^ better Sort of these Moores.

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MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ JOHN MARSHALL &C^A^
Much Estemed ffriend &c^a^. CASSUMBAZAR Y^E^ 20^TH^ AUG^ST^: 1677.

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 18 Currant to which we refer you yesterday Came to our hands yours of y^e^ 9^th^ present, Cheifly importing y^e^ Coynage of Treasure at Cateck and y^t^ Boremull has promised that he will forward it Soe that we Shall not meet with Such delayes as to our Masters great dammage this yeare hath hapned in y^e^ mint at Rajamaul.

Wee are very Sensible of Boremulls good inclinations to our Nation as haveing Some of us knowne him many yeares but in Considering the great distance of Cateck the wildness of y^e^ Country in y^e^ way thither as alsoe unsetledness in y^e^ Service now Committed to him y^e^ Prince being at Bolchund and all people hereabouts Say ordered to Bengall and expected after the raines at Rajamaul on all which we know not well how to order the mintage of anything there though doe not absolutely forbid it but rather order you to be very Cautious how to proceed in it and we had rather you Sold it to Some able Shroffe, though you let him Coyne Cateck in our Name.

Wee hope you will at Arrivall of this have Ordered Chest N° A to be taken ashoare and by Selling of y^e^ Gold to Some Shroffe and letting it be Sent and Coyned in our Name at Cateck you will be able to prevent great part of y^e^ dammage otherwise likely to Come by its being Sent to Bengall where that Species is Soe exceedingly fallen in price for all other th[ings] we refer you as above mentioned to our last Generall letter hence and Rest.

Your Very Loveing friends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ LITILETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ SAM^LL^: HERVY &C^A^
Estemed ffriends CASSUMBAZAR Y^E^ 25 AUGUST 1677

Our Last to you was dated y^e^ 15 Currant Since which by way of Hugly we have received yours of y^e^ 2^d^ & 8^th^ Currant the former brought your Diary for the last month, M Zendy Still keeps the English men as alsoe our goods Seldome as M^r^ Reade writes appearing the Invoice of Cloth and Lace Shall be Sent you assoon as y^e^ Gen^ll^ Bookes and papers arrive at Hugly whither they are ordered in Company with M^r^ Bugden from Ballasore in y^e^ meane time you may Leave them in Blanck and make up your bookes to y^e^ end of Aprill and Send them to Hugly.

The Tancksaul affaires we hope you will bring at length to a good issue in the meane time what treasure we Can Sell Shall be So disposed off, which we alsoe recommend to you for what you Shall receive.

Wee are Sorry y^e affaire of Mellick Zendy goes on So ruggedly you must doe what you Can to prevent Mosely and Nortons Comeing to Decca and we hope Reynundelol (to whome if you See fit you may Contrive a letter from M^r Vincent with what Contents you think best) may be brought to be of another mind then by yours of y^e 8^th Currant he Seemed to be, M^r Reade writes that there is noe hopes of M: Zendies delivering y^e 2 men unless we Comply with him or more forceable orders Come from y^e Nabob for it, what you Shall on all Circumstances find we had best doe pray advise to Hugly from time to time if on Mellick Zendies deniall (as he has done will questionless persist in it) of to deliver our men you find it may availe to make an Aurzdass to y^e Nabob you may draw up one the best you Can in M^r Vincents Name and deliver it to y^e Ray or Nabob w^ch you Judge most Convenient.

When you know all y^e Contents of Moseleys papers pray advise with all necessary remarks thereon as alsoe on all other business recommending to you as Occation offers when you Shall not want answers and Orders as far as in our power to give you how to proceed.

Pray Send your letters to Hugly and Advise what Sorts & quantities of Cloth of y^e enordered Investment which you will perceive by y^e Hon^ble: Companies letter to Bengall lately Sent you, you have given out money on, and what remaines to be done and what Summe it may amount unto, Calling not elce to mind Remaine

Your Loveing friends

MATT^s VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R EDWARD READE &c^a

Loveing Friends

CASSUMBAZAR 25 AUGST 1677

Our last to you was dated y^e 18 to which refer you we have Since received yours of y^e 18 & 20^th Currant and hope you have dispatched y^e Treasure &c^a as enordered by M^r Clavell and Councell the inclosed from Decca Came alsoe Safe and wee have written y^m this day.

The bookes and Generall papers are ordered in M^r Bugdens Charge from Ballasore to Hugly when they arrive which hope will be Suddenly pray be drawing out what Invoices you Shall know are wanting i[n] all factories that we may Send them away when you write next to Ballasore pray write for two Beames and Scales y^e one for Pattana the other for Dacca factory.

Pray faile not to doe what you can to get those Englishmen into your possession but there must be noe agreement made with M: Zendy till we meet and have Such Necessary advices from Decca, as hence we have written for.

Your Calculate and acco^t of Goods now arrived on y^e Ganges and the Arrivall we have received and are glad at last those Vessells are got Safe and Soe nigh Hugly you have done very well in Sending boates and John Threder downe to fetch up the Treasure &c^a Since y^e Sloops can Come up noe further the Romauls the Hon^ble: Companies orders are questionless y^e Same Sort now as last yeare, we Call not elce to Mind, Remaine,

Your Loveing friends

MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

MR GEORGE KNIPE
Loveing friend CASSUMBAZAR AUGUST YE 25TH: 1677.

Wee have received yours of y^e 21^st: Currant and hope According to your advices the Droga of y^e Mint is arrived ere this we are glad your worke within doores is Soe nigh a Conclusion pray make an end assoone as possible that you may Come and take the Warehouse here that M^r Edwards may repaire to his Charge at Ballasore where M^r Gwilliam is dead.

Nabob Bamunÿars sonn will not as I heare trouble Rajamaul in last if he does you may goe and See him and Carry him Gold Mohurs and Rup^s as is customary to ℔ sons of his quallity, Wee Call not elce to mind Save that we are

Your Loveing friends
MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

MR JOB CHARNOCK &c^a
Loveing Friends CASSUMBAZAR: AUGUST YE 25: 1677

Our last to you was y^e 15 Instant, which we Confirme Since is Come to have yours of the 13^th: Instant whereby we perceive you are like to undergoe Some trouble in getting the Peter boates Cleared the Duan Soe absolutely denying a Dustick till hath received Custome we are at a loss to give any perticuler directions herein but doe leave it wholy to you to act according to y^e best of your Judgement and as y^e Nature of y^e affaire Shall require, earnestly recommending and enordering you to use your utmost endeavour and dilligence to gett them Cleared it being a worke absolutely necessary and to be effected though with Some Cost, but Custome is by all meanes possible to be avoyded.

The Neshawn of Sultan Shujahs we note you have received, and alsoe onely Bengall and Orixa may be Named yet it was alwaies estemed to Comprehend his whole Government (of which y^e Subaship of Biurra was a part) and did Soe pass in those daies, if you think any inconveniences may arrive thereby you may forbear Shewing it but haveing obtained the Cleareing these boates you will doe well as occation offers to proceed in procureing this Princes Neshawne for our trade under his Government which may be of great use to us. Tis here wholly reported that he will after y^e Raines Come downe into Bengall of which if any Certainety let us be advised.

Wee greatly differ from you in your Opinion about Custome for though the Hon^ble: Company be at a great Charge in presents &c^a in Carrying on their trade in these parts yet if rightly Examined it will be found far Shorter of what y^e Custome inwards and outwards if paid amount to, and besides then we Should pay Custome yet we should not be able to Cleare our Selves from y^e same Charges in presents &c^a that hitherto we have been at, instance may be of our Neighbours whose trouble and presents are as great at all times as ours, which makes y^e priviledge we hitherto have had (and hope may yet be Continued to us) to be of y^e high Esteeme with us.

You will Shortly be Supplyed with a Beame and other Necessaries for your factory your bookes must be made up to y^e 30^th: of Aprill observing those directions given by M^r Master &c^a Councell, Coppy of y^e Honourable Companies letter to Bengall hath been Sent you the other when we are at more leisure to have them transcribed you Shall receive.

The Hon^ble: Company never received your Bookes letter Q: beginning Septemb^r 1673 and Septemb^r 1674 therefore let them be transcribed and Sent us that they may be transcribed home this yeare, your this years bookes let them be Sent assoon as they can, that Soe our Complaint may not Stay for them, we Shall expect your D[i]ary in tribble Coppies to y^e end of November as alsoe your Acco^t: of Cash at that time &c^a, Europe Goods by you then you will See by the Hon^ble

Campanies Generall that they doe enorder a greater quantity of Peter then formerly therefore doe recommend and enorder you to provide what more you can to be at Hugly at y^e^ end of December or Sooner.

Wee againe earnestly Recommend the Clearing of y^e^ Peter boates to your Care and prudence Wee Remaine

Your assured Loveing friends
MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ EDWARD READE
Estemed ffriend CASSUMBAZAR Y^E^ 25^TH^: AUGUST 1677

Wee Omitted through forgetfullness to order in our last that you would take out the Silver of y^e^ Chest N° A: and to Send y^e^ Gold to Decca in part of their this yeares Stock it Selling better there then in any other place in Bengall we had ordered to be taken ashoare and Sold at Ballasore but our advices Came too late and it Cannot now be Sent back we recommend it to your quick dispatch to Decca and Remaine

Your very ready friends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ SAM^LL^: HERVY
Estemed friends CASSUMBAZAR 27 AUGUST 1677

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 25 Currant Since which Contrary to our expectations is Arrived Chest N° A qt Gold which we have in an Oolauck accompanied with 1 house & 2 hired peons Sent you it Containes and amo^ts^: as ℔ Invoice inclosed to Rup^s^ 28549: 7^a^:—which recommend to your disposeall and Investment according to our Masters orders what more will be Comeing to your factory Shall on goeing to Hugly and arrivall of the other Ships be Sent you, this Gold we Send to you well knowing it beares the best price in Decca of any place in Bengall and Calling not elce to mind we rest

Your very Ready ffriends
MATT^S^: VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ JOB CHARNOCK
Respected ffriend &c^a^ CASSUMBAZAR Y^E^ 29TH AUGUST 1677

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 25 Currant on two Boates in Charge of Thomas Bromely and 4 Peons we have Sent you 4 Chests of Bullion amo^t^ as ℔ Invoice inclosed to Rup^s^ 30111: 5: 6 alsoe there Comes 4 bales of Broadcloth the which we have not Received any Invoice of, from alow to this day but as Soon as M^r^ Vincent goes down one Shall be Sent you in y^e^ meane time you may endeavour to dispose of it, as alsoe to Coyne or Sell y^e^ abovemen c̃oned Treasure, which you Shall find most to our Masters advantage and to pay off what at Interest, and goe in hand to Supply

what wanting of y^e^ enordered quantity of Saltpeter all which things we recommend to your observance According to our Hon^ble^ Employers Orders and what others given thereupon, we Call not elce to mind at ꝑsent Save that we are

Your very ready friends

MATT^s^: VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

The boates we have hired by the month and therefore desire you to dispeed them assoon as possible and if you have occations you may keep Thomas Bromely there and Send George Peacock on these boates, the boates are in pay till they arrive hither againe. There Comes on these boates one Chest of our Masters wine N°: 3 y^e^ bottles and Chest are to be disposed off and brought to an Acco^t^.

Thomas Bromely hath received 20 Rup^s^: for way Charges which he is to give you an Acco^t^ off, tis included in y^e^ 111 Rup^s^.

ÿdem MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ GEORGE KNIPE — CASSUMBAZAR AUGUST Y^E^ 29 : 1677

Wee hope ere this that a new Droga of y^e^ mint is arrived & that our Masters business there will at last Suddenly draw to a Conclusion which we Should be glad to heare.

On these boates in Charge of Thomas Bromely we have Sent Severalls to Pattana of worth and import was to expedit their dispatch from Rojamaull may goe for presents to the Shazadda at Pattana by which meanes we Conceive you may get a dustick for their passage thence pray endeavour that they may not by long embarqued there we Remaine

Your Loveing friends

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ THOMAS BROMLEY — CASSUMBAZAR Y^E^ 29^TH^ : AUGUST 1677

In your Charge and 4 Peons we have Sent two boates w^th^ : Severalls of worth and import to Pattana as advised M^r^ Job Charnock &c^a^ : there in a Generall Letter thither now delivered you we order you to keep the two boates together and to be very Carefull in y^e^ Voyage up and on noe Acco^t^ : to goe in the Night nor when you see tempestuous weather neither letting the boatemen Loyter in y^e^ way nor hurrying them on too fast but Makeing that Convenient hast which may be best and Safest for y^e^ well accomplishing this intended Voyage Wee are

Your Loveing friends

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON
RICHARD EDWARDS

M^R^ EDMUND BUGDEN &C^A^

Esteemed ffriends — HUGLY SEPTEMB Y^E^ 12 : 1677

Wee have rec^d^ : yours of y^e^ 1^st^ : Currant with y^e^ much to be lamented news of y^e^ Death of M^r^ John Marshall &c^a^, the Lord in his great Mercy put a Stop to this Rageing distemper and restore your healths.

In ours of y^e^ 18 and 20^th^ : last month directed to M^r^ John Marshall &c^a^ wee gave full orders for Management of our Masters affaires in Ballasore to which we Still refer you onely ordering M^r^ Edm^d^ : Bugden to Continue at Ballasore, and to take upon him y^e^ Management of our Hon^ble^ Masters affaires in that place till further orders and we recommend to him &c^a^ to Send away hither all Generall papers belonging to y^e^ Cheifship of Bengall if not already done as then enordered, alsoe that you give us what light you can into y^e^ Generall Acco^ts^, that [i]f it be not already done they may the Sooner be brought into a Method here, your factory bookes pray make up to y^e^ end of Aprill Send up assoon as possible, forget not to keep a Diary and to act by Consultation according to our Masters order, and the Rules left by y^e^ Worp^ll^ : Streynsham Master Romaulls we have provided here peices 5500 the rest pray endeavour to procure there at as easy rates as you can and pray by y^e^ first Send us a Calculate of what of those goods required by our Masters usually bought about Ballasore you Shall be able to procure for those Ships with their amount, Sannoes not to be medled with unless for goods and 50 ℔ C^t^ : Cheaper then formerly pray observe well what now and in y^e^ aforesaid letters of y^e^ 18 and 20^th^ last month we have written you whose Coppies have inclosed Sent you least they Should be mislaid amongst M^r^ Marshalls papers.

You will find in our Masters letter to Bengall an order to enquire into the truth of y^e^ Dammage placed to their Accompt by M^r^ Clavell on y^e^ fire that burned downe their factory in Ballasore in y^e^ yeare 1674 they haveing been pleased to express their Satisfaction in y^e^ greatness of their loss and y^e^ manner of its being brought to Acco^t^, wherefore we order you to prepare that business for Examination by getting what writings and other lights thereunto you can that So the reall truth may be discovered and advises given our Masters accordingly there.

Wee enorder and Recommend unto you earnestly and that you haveing time (which we Shall want Conveying downe) you doe not them Superfinally but throughly See it may be to Satisfaction, in all other things refer you to our Masters letter aforesaid & what advices received from y^e^ Worp^ll^ : Agent and Councell whose Coppies you have there alsoe to our letters above mentioned wee remaine

Your very reall friends

MATT^s^ VINCENT

EDWARD READ

P.S. W[ee] desire and order you to receive the fraught of all Such that have Laden any Goods from y^e^ Coast to Ballasore upon the Europe Ships and to keep exact Acco^t^ : thereof for our Masters.

ÿdem MATT^s^ : VINCENT

EDW^D^ : READ

MR GEORGE HERRON

HUGLY SEPTEMB Y^E^ 13 : 1677

Wee are glad to understand you are Safely arrived into Hugly River and have ordered boates to take out y^e^ Treasure and for Ladeing that and what other goods you have on board you are to follow M^r^ Edward Reads orders and if you have not a good Oportunity of winds and tydes to Come up then bring your Vessell to an Anchor in a good birth out of the Streames way till un[l]aden Wee Remaine

Your Loveing friends

MATT^s^ : VINCENT

EDWARD READE

Mr Edmund Bugden &c^{a}

Estemed ffriends Hugly Septemb^{r} Y^{e} 18: 1677

Our last to you was the 12th: Currant when we referred you to directions for proceeding in our Masters affaires Sent you y^{e} 18th & 20th past month and least those letters Should not readily be found because of M^{r}· Marshalls dicease we Sent you Coppies of them to which refer you not doubting of your best endeavours to act accordingly, you have alsoe a Coppy of our Masters letter to us, for your being y^{e} fuller acquainted with their Orders, which as to y^{e} Goods to be bought wth: you we ꝑticularize as followeth, earnestly recommending it to your Care to provide them timely, and well made and Sorted hopeing you have Sometime Since entred upon y^{e} Same Viz^{t}

Coloured Ginghams	10000 peices.
Romulls Silke	6500 ps
Nillees	10000 ps
Hummums	2000 ps
Pegu Sticklack or other goods black Lack if the Pegu is not to be had	Tonns 100:—

You are to buy noe Sannoes unless you can barter for Broadcloth at 50 ꝑ Cent Cheaper then formerly.

Wee have received your Severall Letters of y^{e} 4th: 5th & 6th: Currant the former adviseing us of y^{e} New Londons Arrivall which we were glad to understand, you mention a Coppy of an Attestacon: of what Cash was found in M^{r}· John Marshalls Chest but none Came we Suppose through hast it was forgott to be inclosed pray Send it by next.

The Sloope Arrivall hath brought us 10 Chests of Treasure from the Cœzar and we wish you had ordered Some quantityes of all other goods on board her as we hope you have upon y^{e} Ganges by whome if you have not Sent y^{e} 10 Chests of Treasure which Came upon y^{e} new London we now order you to Send it upon y^{e} Arrivall which in few daies (assoone as we Can fit her with Some Necessaries) Shall be returning unto you and after you have Sent what you Can of our Masters Goods hither by her we order you to take all that remaines out of each Ship on Shoare at Ballasore and house it well in y^{e} factory because we Shall not be able to make another turne with the Sloopes till about the time we expect the Moonsoone to Change w^{ch}: will not be Safe Wee hope you have Sent away the Acco^{ts}: and Registers &c^{a}: wthout which we have far to Seeke in many Matters that relates to our Masters business and besides the yeare will be Soe far Spent that we Shall not be able to make up the Generall bookes wherefore we desire if it be not done already that you hasten them to us that we may alsoe See what quick Stock was resting at M^{r} Clavells decease and if there be [not] Sufficient with y^{e} 3 Chests of treasure allready ordered, we may take timely Care to Supply you Wee remaine

Your Loveing friends

Matthias Vincent

Edward Reade

Mr Samuell Hervy &c^{a}

Respected ffriends Hugly y^{e} 19th September 1677

Wee have received yours of y^{e} 24 & 29 ultimo and alsoe of the 7th: Currant to which haveing already written you fully Shall answer breifly as they ly, what of those Sorts of Cloth ordered by our Masters in their Generall arrived by these Ships you can procure for ready money pray neglect not to buy as reasonable as you can for money you are and Shall be furnished as your occations Shall require, y^{e} Tancksaul if Can Sell our Treasure Shall have little occation to make use off as we hope, however if for a Moderate expence can gett cleare of its Custome pray doe, the which we

recommend to your prudentiall Manage, we have Sent for y^e^ bookes of Acco^ts^: Registers &c^a^ from Ballasore assoon as they arrive and we Can put them into a due Method Shall Send you the invoice you mention in the interim leave in a blanck and Ballance your Acco^ts^ to y^e^ end of Aprill last and them 28 ℔ y^e^ first.

Wee are Sorry you Shall be able to Supply us with noe more then 4000 ps of Cloth of all Sorts our Masters requireing peices 13000 of Cassaes and Mullmulls pray advise us what quantities of those you hope to Send will be Cossaes and what Mullmulls, for your Succeeding yeares Stock we Shall allot you your proportion of money and goods in due time.

The Phirwanna for Cleareing our Peter boates at Rajamaul will be very expedent, though hitherto the Princes duan at Pattana will not Suffer any Dusticks to Send them thence till pay Custome being exasperated by y^e^ Dutch Complaineing (as they did to the Nabob against Reynundelol) to y^e^ Prince y^t^ he Stopped their boates.

Our goods on Acco^t^ Custome we have received and hope y^e^ Englishmen will follow, Mellick Zendy being afraid to Send them to Dacca they haveing openly declared by meanes used here that they will Complaine against him there that he tooke them out of y^e^ English factory by force, and by force detained the[m].

The Cossas &c^a^ from your parts we Shall Chest here below Since you Shall not be Soe well able to doe it there.

The Wax figures W F we have received.

Wee are glad that the Chest of Gold [is] Safe arrived, what diffirence in y^e^ Invoice you must advise to Cassumbazar it being Charged hence thither and thence to Decca we looke on Ludhoorams talke and bestowes, and he being poore wh[en] to impossibility but wee Conceive Shall Suddenly have a new Crowry or buxbundur.

Wee understand that one Richard Wilson and James Warden are at Decca with you and that they have this yeare brought a Ship to Chatigaune where they have Contrary to our Masters priviledges paid Custome &c^a^, for which reason as alsoe theire haveing Come Complaints from the Coast that this Same Wilson hath run away w^th^: y^e^ Estate of Some of y^e^ Hon^ble^: Companies Servants on y^e^ Coast who are indebted to y^e^ Company and Cheifly (as they have Said before good Witnesses) occationed by the Said Wilsons running away with their money, we are further informed that the Said Wilson and Warden hath openly declared, that assoon as they can get to Sea they will Seize on any Moores vessell or Junck they Shall first meet withall to make themselves amends for what wrongs they pretend they have Received from y^e^ Moores at Chitagaune the which if they Should doe and it Should be Complained off at Decca, you very well know what bad Consequence it may prove to our Masters affaires too much already embroyled in these parts, on all which premises we order you if you find it feasable to Send the Said Wilson or Warden (or which of them you can) well Secured downe unto us that we may returne him to y^e^ Worp^ll^: Agent and Councell at Madrass to answer for all his Misdemeanours and to make what Satisfaction he Can to his Creditors if y^e^ Vessell Could be Sent into y^e^ Roade too it would be very well Wee Call not elce to mind Soe Rest

Your Loveing friends

MATT^e^ VINCENT

EDWARD READE

M^r^ JOB CHARNOCK

Respected ffriends &c

HUGLY 24 SEPTEMB^R^: 1677

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 29 last month when Sent in Charge by Thomas Bromley 4 Chests of Bullion for Acco^t^ our Hon^ble^ Masters amount as ℔ Invoice then Sent unto Rup^s^ 30111: 5½^s^ which we hope long Since is Safe arrived with you and disposed off.

Wee have Received yours of y^e^ 20^th^: August to M^r^ Reade &c^a^ alsoe yours of the 1^st^ and 10^th^ Currant the Latter yesterday to all Materiall in which Shall answer as they ly the boates of Lead &c^a^ which were Stopped at Bangulpore we understand are Cleared, that Scarlet and Broadcloth Sent you up is as well Conditioned it Seemes as was then here in y^e^ warehouse assoon as the Generall papers arrive from Ballasore which hath been much retarded (though ordered Severall times) to be Sent thence by the Death of M^r^ Marshall and Henry Carpenter and y^e^ Sickness of M^r^ Bugden we Shall Send you as well as to other factories what Invoices they as well as you have not yett received.

As we Advised you from Cassumbazar wee are of Opinion that if our Masters are in Cash Sufficient in any of their factories that it is more adviseable and for their advantage that money be remitted where wanted then tha[t] it should be taken up at Interest, But if Pattana and y^e^ other factories both want money we Judge it reasonable y^t^ money if to be had Should rather be taken up at Interest in y^e^ place where it must be invested then in any other factory to be Sent thither the Charge being the Same to our Masters whither they pay interest in Pattana or any other place when y^e^ interest is at the Same Rate as in the Present Case it is.

You have found that the Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Generall to Bengall went as we advised you in ours of y^e^ 15^th^: August which we recommend againe as then unto your observance for your Stock we Shall take Care that you be timely Supplyed with it to y^e^ amount you mention.

Wee are of Opinion with you that it will then be y^e^ fittest time to Stir about getting the Kings Phirmaund when heare what Shausteh Cauns Auzdars has or can doe for us in the meane time it will ly on you to be putting things in a posture in referrence to Sending and goeing aloft about it through y^e^ manner of it as you may ℔ceive is referred to your Experience and prudence wee are Sorry to heare of Soe bad a Character of the Prince we hope if he Stayes that when his Government Comes to be Setled that he will prove a better Governour then now he gives hopes off, ShaShuja was bad enough when he Came first to Bengall but grew better as his Coffers filled, paper assoone as Comes up Shall Send your proportion off, haveing writ for it up.

Wee are very much troubled to find by yours of y^e^ 10^th^: September that the Pattana Duan hath given you a positive answer as well as to y^e^ Dutch that without paying of Custome our Masters Peter boates Should not Stir from Pattana we Cannot find that we have any power without order from y^e^ Worp^ll^ Agent &c^a^ to give you any possitive order in it Conceiving as you writely observe for yourselfe that if we Should Say pay not Custome that we Should be extreamly blamed in Case y^e^ peter Cannot Come downe without it which will be an exceeding loss to our Masters all that we Can Say Since you have not written your owne Opinion in this Case is y^t^ we Judge it may not be Safe to pay Custome without possitive orders from our Superiors Soe to doe, but we Conceive that if the full amount of the Custome or more were p[ri]vately offered to the Duan there that he would not refuse it but be very glad to Cleare our boates to get Soe much money Cleared to himselfe or in Case it Should be Soe that he will not take a bribe (which is rare) yet the Prince himselfe we think would not much Stand upon it whither he rec^d^ from us y^e^ amo^t^ of the Custome in another Name we recommend this affaire wholly unto you being very ready to Consent to what you Shall find most reasonable to doe therein, we would have written to Madrass about this affaire but ere an answer Could arrive the Peter must Come too late thence for y^e^ business of this Moonsoone Soe that you See how much it imports you to worke through it and we hope a Round bribe may doe what we desire with y^e^ Duan at last.

The bookes 167$\frac{3}{4}$ hope Suddenly to arrive from you as alsoe your this yeares bookes of Acco^ts^ &c^a^ as formerly desired, M^r^ Masters Pattern Shall Send assoone as have leisure from business and Sickness at Ballasore where it hath pleased God to take away M^r^ Marshall M^r^ Carpenter and Abraham Rutton as aforesaid and y^e^ rest according to y^e^ last advices thence Sick which we feare will alsoe prove a great hindrance to our Masters business in that factory.

Wee Shall not dispute whither Treasure fetch better at Cassumbazar or Pattana but can Say this what y^e^ Merchants buy at y^e^ former place they Generally Send away to y^e^ latter which we Imagine they would not doe to their Loss, Calling not elce to mind at present Wee Remaine

Your very Ready ffriends

MATTHIAS VINCENT

EDWARD READE

P : S : Edward Reade adviseing he hath, in M^r^ Charnocks hands Rup^s^ 2500 we ꝑmitt you to bring it into our Masters Cash and we Shall pay the Same here and you are to Creditt this factory for y^e^ Same.

ÿdem MATT^s^ VINCENT

EDWARD READE

M^R^ GEORGE HERRON HUGLY SEPTEMB̃ 24 : 1677

Wee haveing for a few daies Since deferred y^e^ dispatch of the Sloope Arrivall to Ballasore Roade by reason of your Sickness and you being now againe God willing able to proceed on that Voyage, we order you upon receipt hereof to goe aboard the Said Sloope and use your best endeavours for y^e^ Spediest getting into Ballasore Roade as neer the English Ships as Conveniently you can and when pleases God you arrive thither you are to Send our letters to M^r^ Edm^d^ : Bugden whose orders you are to follow for your ladeing and returne hither the time of y^e^ yeare drawing on in which we may expect Some more then ordinary blowing weather you are therefore to take Speciall heed to y^e^ Season of the Moone or either goe out or Stay within y^e^ River as you find good Cause.

The Sloope Arrivall wanting a good Mast we order you to try if either of the Commanders of y^e^ English Ships can Spare one of their top Masts that may be fitting for that use and to bring it up with you and we Shall take Care to Content y^e^ Owner for y^e^ S[ame] We wish you a good Voyage and Remaine

Your Loveing friends

MATT^s^ VINCENT

EDWARD READE

M^R^ EDMUND BUGDEN HUGLY SEPTEMBER 25 1677

The Master of the Sloope Arrivall being taken w^th^ an Ague and feavour we Could not give Soe quick a dispatch to that Sloope as we intended but now She is proceeding towards you and we desire and order you to lade on board her the Treasure remaineing on board the London with a Convenient Ladeing of Some of all Sorts of our Hon^ble^ Masters Goods but we would have you Consult with George Herron y^e^ Master about y^e^ Condition of the Vessell and have respect unto the weather and Season of y^e^ yeare & accordingly lade and give her a dispatch as quick as possible.

Wee wonder we have noe newes of y^e^ Ganges She being mett by the Arrivall when She last Came up outward bound & Since that you mention nothing of her we wish She may be in Safety Wee have Received yours of y^e^ 15th : Currant and Shall answer it by land in y^e^ interim wishing you &c^a^ much health remaine

Your Very Loveing friends

MATT^s^ VINCENT

EDW^D^ READE

Mr. Edward Littleton
Estemed ffriends Hugly 25 Septemb 1677

Wee have Some daies Since Received yours of ye 14 Currant we are Sorry the Quicksilver Case N°: 3 held out Soe Short but on examinacon here are given to understand it arrived Soe from Ballasore our friends there through the great Sickness & Mortallity there not Causing things to be Soe well examined Sealed downe &ca as they were wont ere Sent from on board ye Ships for they never Came ashoare there, the Coppy of the Honble: Companies letter to Bengall which we Sent to Pattana did arrive there at last however you did very well to Supply them with another Coppy least that Should have been lost.

Wee have Sent forwards towards you on two great boates 150mds of Tin and 150 do. of Copper plates for accot our Honble: Employers amot: as ꝑ Invoice therewith to which refer, Recommending it to you for the Spediest Sale, we desire you to advise what Cash and Gold Mohurs more you expect from ye Mint at Rajamaul.

Your Silke assoone as packed we desire you to Send downe wth all Convenient Expedition which done we hope you may be able to acquit Mr Edwards which we order you to doe by letting him deliver over his Charge to Mr George Knipe if Come from ye Mint or any one elce you Judge most fitting in ye ffactory till Mr Knipe Comes who is made your Warehouse keeper which done pray Send him downe the Mortallity at Ballasore haveing made him assistant the almost of Necessity.

The Rajamaul Accot when Mr Knipe returnes thence (we haveing this yeare Soe overmuch business in their factories pray make up and enter into your factory bookes as usuall) hence forward we Shall Charge your factory with noe more then Shall Concerne its one Investments ye rest to Rajamaul or wheresoever wee Shall Send it, Calling not elce to mind at ꝑsent with Cordiall wishes for your health wee Remaine

Your assured Loveing friends
Matts Vincent
Edwd Reade

Mr Edmund Bugden
Estemed Friend Hugly 28th Septemb: 1677

Yours of ye 12th: and 18 Currant we have written fully unto you as to all matters relateing to ye Managemt of our Masters affaires in Ballasore to which refer you ye 28 dispatched ye Sloope Arrivall to you with order how to lade and returne her to us, to this day we have not one word of ye arrivall of ye Sloope Ganges in Ballasore Roade not haveing in either of yours of the 12th or 15th Currant now Received taken any Notice of her we wish She be Safe.

Wee have received Severall papers and bookes from you that Came upon ye Dooley and find that both the Hugly and Ballasore bookes of Accots are brought up noe further then the prime of January last at which we admire and the last bookes you have Sent us up is not Soe Methodicall as desired wherefore have herewith returned it to you ordering you to draw it out faire and Ballance it to ye end of every month, And express to whome you delivered ye Ballance of ye Cash at Hugly, The Journall and Leiger which you call Letter A we desire it may be Letter T as ye Generall bookes are These we order you to goe in hand ꝑfect to ye end of Aprill Last and Send us if you can that we may take them into our bookes which we Shall endeavour to ꝑfect here.

ffor ye 7047 & 1090 Rups you mention paid by Mr Bugden to Mr Marshall Since January last we Suppose he did it not without order and if it was for our Masters Accot we Suppose he kept ye Cash booke and we question not but if Mr Marshall received it for Same Accot, but that he gave their Credit in his Cash booke likewise when we Shall have time to examine and reconcile all accots we doubt not but to adjust this and all other diffirences of this Nature.

Wee have herewith returned y^e^ Peons and desire that you keep Soe many peons as y^e^ business of that factory requires and not Soe many as were usuall and possibly requisite, when M^r^ Clavell was there we allow you 8 Cahars for y^e^ Pallankeen and noe more if you have Occation for more you may hire them for Soe long as is necessary we Recommend to you to be frugall in y^e^ Charges, what paper, paper booke, quills and pencills are Come on y^e^ Ships detaineing what is reall necessary for Ballasore we admire you have not Sent us if they are on board Ship and not yett Come on y^e^ Ganges then pray order all on board the Arrivall And if they be on Shoare and you think you can meet a Snatch to Send them off lett them Come upon y^e^ Said vessell, but if you apprehend they will be damaged then keep them and Send them up by y^e^ first Vessell that Shall Come from thence to Hugly after the Storme we absolutely wanting paper for our business here, we find Severall Invoices wanting allmost all Originall papers both of them & letters received none of y^e^ latter registred you haveing Sent but one Coppy booke of letters pray Send up all M^r^ Clavells and M^r^ Marshall's papers that we may looke amongst them for Nabob Shausteh Cauns ℔'wanna Coppie of it attested by the Cozzee Comes inclosed.

What Sticklack you have agreed for we approve off but Cannot of the lauck there being noe order to buy any without Sticks we desire if good and you can make up the Sticklack 100 Tonns Peter is deare we desire you to remember y^e^ Merchants that we buy now at all ready money price and not in truck at raised rates as formerly though you must off goods in truck but the rate may be made what the goods are really worth Ready money according to which it must and will follow that y^e^ rates of goods must not be Soe high as formerly but as we Sell our goods for noe more then their vallue or what really worth that the Merchants alsoe let us have their goods at a ready money rate.

Wee hope though you have omitted to advise us however have given out money on y^e^ quantities of Ginghams Nillees Romauls &c ^a^ according to y^e^ Hon^ble^: Companies orders received, pray take Care that the Musters be good, Cheap, and according to our Masters directions we Call not elce to mind at present Remaine

Your very Loveing friends

MATT^S^ VINCENT

EDW^D^ READE

THOMAS BROWNE — HUGLY 3^D^ OCTOBER 1677

Wee have received your note and bill of Ladeing by which we understand what you have brought from Ballasore we have now Sent 3 boates with 5 Boyes and Ropes and order you immediately to lade on board them the 10 Chests of Treasure on board you, to Say 4 Chests [on] board the biggest boate and 3 Chest on each of the other boates the 5 boyes you have brought from Ballasore and these 5 we have now Sent you pray make fast to each Chest on which a Convenient length of Rope we order you to Stay on board and to make what hast you can with y^e^ Vessell up we intending not to Send her downe any more till after the Storme is broke up Wee Remaine

Your Loveing friends

MATT^S^ V[INCENT]

EDW^D^ RE[A]DE

M^R^ EDMUND BUGDEN

Loveing fferiends Etc^a^ — HUGLY 6 OCTOBER 1677

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 28 ultimo Since which is Come to hand yours of 22^th^ & 28^th^: ultimo M^r^ Rich^d^: Edwards have written for to Cassumbazar assoon as he arrives hither he Shall without delay be Sent to Ballasore.

The Dooley of papers have received but we Cannot but thinke you must find more then these being Severall Still behind hand which we Shall want.

Wee have received y^e^ Acco^ts^ of what goods you propound as to be provided at Ballasore but we Cannot agree to have any Cossas or Mullmulls provided there being very well acquainted that y^e^ Sorts are not those our Masters require and therefore order you not to buy one peice the Nillees Ginghams Romauls and Hummums we approve your giveing out your money upon, and if the Lateness of y^e^ yeare be Such as that the Merchants Cannot take abowe ¼ part in goods though as before advised, you must Contract as ready money, you may agree accordingly with them, but we would have you observe to detaine Soe much of their Daudunnee in your hands as may Save you y^e^ trouble of their bringing in goods Short of their Musters of running after them for the remaines and pray take good Musters of goods you give money out for.

Wee would know what Europe goods of our Masters were Lost in the fire at Ballasore in 1674 as well as what y^e^ Merchants had bought in Acco^t^ their Contract the Hon^ble^: Companies loss Consisting of both we desire all may be onely got ready for Examinacon according to our Masters orders against we Come downe.

Wee have received one box of Paper quills &c^a^ nor till now heard that you had Sent any on the Arrivall.

Tho^s^ Browne is Come into the River with y^e^ Ganges y^e^ Treasure you Sent we have taken on Shoare and have Sent a boate to tow her up that may goe in hand to repaire her against y^e^ Moonsoones breake up and Goods Come from inland factories arrive hither.

Wee Cannot helpe it if your Merchants Clamour that we take not Goods Contrary to their Orders which pray tell them and that if they will not Sell their Sannoes 50 ℔ C^t^ Cheaper then us[ual]l and that in Barter for Europe Goods that we Cannot buy one peices of Sannoes of them this yeare Wee know not what you meane by the Cash found in M^r^ John Marshalls Chamber if you meane the Hon:^ble^ Companies Cash pray advise whither it agrees with the due Ballance of Cash to y^e^ time or not that we may take Care in Case it doth not, Secure Soe much out of M^r^ Marshalls Estate, we Remember not elce at ℔sent Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATTHIAS VINCENT

EDWARD READE

M^R^ SAMUELL HERNY &C^A^

Estemed Friends

HUGLY 10 OCTOBER 1677

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 19^th^ last month to w^ch^ refer you, after trying Severall waies with our Cross grained Crowry Mellick Zendy he Seemes resolved to Send Richard Mosely and John Norton to y^e^ Nabob except we will give him a Note, wherein Must acknowledge the Justice of his takeing them by force out of y^e^ factory here &c^a^ which we Cannot doe, if we either respect y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Companies honour or our own Safety, presedents of this Nature being Soe apt to be followed if over timely put up, The 2 Englishmen are put up upon a boate and may possibly be Sent up as alsoe Moselys wife wh[at] trouble may follow we know not, but we suppose not much for our men have bin Soe unhumanly used that they Say they both resolve to Complaine of M. Zendy and that they never Complained against the English which if they Continue in it will be well, and you must endeavour by frequent Messages to them and faire promises to cherish them in it, we Suppose as aforesaid they will alsoe Send up Moselys wife we recommend all unto your Skillfull Management not being able to present it here except on Such unsafe termes as above Said as for expence necessary in this affaire we enjoyne you to be as frugall as possible and not thereby State y^e^ business and loose So necessary a priviledge of our Masters in this Country, as the haveing power of all English in these parts, we earnestly desire you to bestir your Selves to Some purpose in this Concerne till you bring it to an issue which we pray

God may be prosperous, if Mosely Should produce papers of doubt they are of ℔ticuler men to Mr Boughton and not of the Honble: Companies, we have not elce to add Save that wee are

Your very Loveing friends

dispeeded ye 16 at night

Matts Vincent
Edwd: Reade

Mr Edward Littleton &ca
Estemed ffriends

Hugly yr 16 October 1677

Wee have received yours of ye 5: & 6 Currtt with bales 360 of raw Silke and 22 Ditto of Maulda—the markes we have not yet Compared but question they will Come out according to your Said advises we admire ye boate of Tinn and Copper was not arrived with you we hope your next will advise of Mr Knipes haveing finished all at the Mint and that Mr Edwards is Come hitherwards we are glad you have received a Phirwanna from Decca for clearing our Peter boates at Rajamaul we Should be very glad to heare they were well Soe far on their way hither not haveing heard from Mr Charnock upward of a month date to this day which is ye onely hopes we have of their being likely to be Cleared the Invoice of Goods above mentioned we expect and Remaine

Your assured Loveing friends

Matthias Vincent
Edward Reade

Mr Samll Hervy
Loveing friends

Hugly 16 October 1677

Our last to you was dated ye 19 last month wherein answered your Severalls of ye 24: 29 August and 7th Currant and had done it Sooner but of late your letters arrive not under 18 or 20 daies thence but hope now the freshes are abated, we Shall thence forward receive them in fewer daies, we have received yours of ye 20 & 28 last month the which were the first 17 and the latter 15 daies on ye way hither, we note what you write touching the Emperors Calling Nabob Shausteh Caun out of Bengall and with you must awaite ye [e]vent though as things Seeme now to Stand with us in these parts Suppose it would be better he Continued till we Could bring our Masters business to Some Certainty which now is far from us, we hope the King will give a favourable answer to ye Nabobs Auzdars in our behalfes any alteration be made.

Wee hope the Gold is now disposed off it being more vendible with you in Decca and beares a better price then in any place in Bengall which was the reason we Sent it thither, the time of ye yeare begins now to be late and therefore it imports you to be getting our Master Cloth ready assoone as possible, that if it may be we may have time to dispatch goods hence ere any order Comes from aloft we much feareing the worst and if a Sloope Should Come it would be Soe late that ere we Could possibly worke out a remedy the time for Sending goods for England would be elapsed.

Concerning Mosely and Norton we Can add noe more then what you will see ℔ the Accompt Generall which we intended according to its date but have kept to this day by reason they tooke them out of ye boate againe and have kept them prisoners ever Since, we Suppose they will be Soe detained till Mellick Cassum arrives and then tis like Some accommodation may be made which we are the rather inclined unto in respect of ye present great uncertainety and unsettledness of things in Bengall.

If Mr Fytch Nedham as Mr Vincent wrote him in his ℔ticuler of ye 10 Currant Can Come to Hugly Soe as to be back againe to take Charge of Decca factory by the time limited by the late Cheif and Councell for Mr Hervys stay there we give him

leave to repaire hither but it Cannot be late in November in that Mr Hervy is positively ordered to deliver up all to Said Mr Fytch Nedham and to be in November in Ballasore to answer a Charge prefenced *sic* to ye Honble: Company against him by Mr Smith &ca

Your bookes of Accots and Charges Generall have received and Shall want two Coppies more of them and your Diary must be Continued (to goe whome) till the end of Novemb. what you have been forced to leave in Blanck in those bookes pray take Care to bring orderly into your next and assoon as leisure will permitt we Shall endeavour to fill up and rectify all Accompts, Wee Call not elce to mind at ℔sent Save that it Should please God an order Should Come from ye Emperor that we must pay Custome that in Such Case you keep Soe well with ye Mutsuddies that you may have Soe early notice of it that if possible you may Send us advice of it 4 or 5 daies ere the Nabobs ℔wanna Shall arrive hither about it we remaine

Your very Loveing friends

Matts Vincent

Edward Reade

Mr Job Charnock &cA

Respected ffriends Hugly 19 October 1677

Our last to you was dated ye 24 August to wch: we have onely to add that the Confusion at Ballasore is or has been Soe great through the Sickness and Mortallity there that we Cannot to this day receive the most pertinent papers of our Masters affaires Soe that we Shall not be able to Send Invoices written for (both by you and other factories) till after the departure of this yeares Shipping when Shall goe in hand to put every thing in a due Method.

Yesterday in the afternoone we received yours of ye 3d Currant and are glad the Peter boates at last are Cleared and that you are like to Cleare the goods and Treasure Sent up the Conditions are hard but Such as we might expect in Such times of uncertainety as these are we hope you have taken Care to write aloft about this business, that we may be understood and that noe Custome was ever paid by us in Puttana but what duties we did pay has been alwaies in Hugly &ca, what you have thought Convenient, if you have not yet written we desire you now to doe it and that effectually, Shausteh Caun is Called away to Come up to Hindostand by the King which though we think by meanes of his money he will never doe yett at present it Startles him & unfitts him and his Duan who are taken off with matters of this great moment to attend to any proposition we Can make to him Soe that we feare it would be but labour lost to apply ourselves at present to him in this matter nor are we unapprehensive that we may Soe Soone put him in mind of the favour he did us the last yeare in writeing to the King in our behalfe, when our whole business was Stopped from which he hath only repreived us till ye answer Comes, and that he may now he is Called away Stop all our business againe out of a designe to gett what he can out of us though noe order Should Come from ye King, and it [is] very likely it may not in these times of great trouble in Hindostan Besides to apply our Selves for a remedy against the Prince to Shausteh Caun Seems not Soe likely to produce any good effect except ye Prince or his Duan Should on result on ye Kings answer write as Waurist Caune did to him by which time our application will be both necessary and more Seasonable for your applications, therefore in the Companies affaires behoves ye Prince and the Court aloft, we refer it to you to doe it Soe as may be most for the quiett Carriage of our Masters affaires [in] these parts without awaiting our Advices in every Exigency of this Nature, least thereby you Slip those Opertunityes which by that time you can possibly have an answer Since may prove irrecoverable. The Custome which the King enordered us to pay the last yeare was but 2 ℔ Cent as it is at Surrat Soe that in Shauge the Duan Should demand 5 and at the lowest 3 ℔ Ct; at Pattana but ye answer from ye King to his letter will we hope put a peaceable period to this affaire.

Wee have not yet got a receipt of this Governour for y^e^ 3000 Rup^s^ piscash p^d^ here this yeare nor had we any at all by reason of the Stop last yeare all the others are with you in former yeares in a few daies we hope to gett the writ for this yeares present aforesaid when Shall Send it you by a Couple of Cossids on purpose which will be time enough ere the date of your Mochelkiee will be out we Shall not Send any more boates up till heare further from you in it.

Your Journall and Leiger for last yeares and bookes of Charges Generall have received and expect the other two Coppies as you mention the Surrat bookes had we assistance you Should not be put to write Soe often for but our Number is Soe diminished that feare till after the Ships departure we Shall not be able to get them Coppied out to Send you Beames and Scales: pen inke and paper you Shall be furnished with assoone as M^r^ Vincent goes to Ballasore we hence haveing written for them but hitherto it Seemes they are omitted to be Sent us we Call not elce to mind at present Save that we Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT

EDW^D^ READE

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^

Respected Friends HUGHLY 19^TH^ OCTOBER 1677

Our last to you was dated the 16 Currant we have now received yours of the 13 Currant but not under 5 daies we are glad to understand the Safe Arrivall of the boate with Tin and Copper, on examination of the matter here we find that one Copper plate dropped into y^e^ River hence in Carrying on board, assoone as the water abates we think to find it againe in the interim on the first boate we Shall Send you another plate instead of it Soe you may Credit this factory according to the Invoice Sent with Said Goods, the letter to Pattana pray forward by a Couple of good Cossids we Call not elce to mind at present we Rest

You very Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT

EDW^D^. READE

M^R^ EDMUND BUGDEN &C^A^

Loveing ffriends HUGLY OCTOBER 20^TH^ 1677.

Our last to you was dated the [6]^th^: Currant yesterday Came to hand yours of the 12^th^: present the Sloope Arrivall Came before y^e^ factory yesterday but we understand [not] why if there were noe more goods on board the London that you Could not Supply a full Ladeing for her out of the Cæsar but that She is Come up almost in her Ballast when wee wrote you to Send the treasure and goods that Came in y^e^ London in y^e^ Arrivall we really Supposed (as you might have Chested by Compareing ours of the 18 and 25 of last month) that the Ship Cæzar which Came before the London Should have first been discharged of her Treasure and what Goods the Ganges Could Carry which Since you did Supply as it Seemes from y^e^ Shoare and the London yet we think you ought not on a new [*lacuna in the original*] (which you were y^e^ Occation off) for want of an Order to have Sent up the Arrivall Soe empty as you did, Leave Treasure and Severall Goods fitting for this place on board the Cæzar in y^e^ Roade, now th[ou]gh this we hope may be noe great dammage to our Masters yett we Cannot but think our resentments of it to you to prevent the like in the future Since it probably may at an other time prove more disadvantagious then at present wee hope it has.

Wee are glad the Ships got noe more hurt in the late Storme though Cannot be too Confident that the moosoone [*sic*] is broken up but that y^e^ next month we may have another Such as this was y^e^ Companies papers you Sent we find very imperfect as well as the Bookes noe Registers of letters of late date Soe that for want of assistance Shall not be able to send Coppies of them home this yeare.

Tis strange that you Should wonder that we Send Ballasore bookes to Ballasore for we think it their propper place and Since you understand them Soe well as you mention we desire and order you to Ballance them which you Say is the onely thing that is wanting to ℔fect them to effect which you need noe Such great assistance though you have as much for your little business there as we have here, as for your acting as three ℔sons there if it were Soe, it has been others Cases Sometimes as well as yours though never wanted of it and that in a factor where the business is more then in Ballasore it need to be, Soe that if those bookes be not finished wanting as you Say onely to be Ballanced we have hopes we Shall not be blamed.

If M^r^ Smith can prevaile with our Governour here to let loose John Norton which we notwithstanding many endeavours Cannot yet do[e] he Shall Come to Ballasore and for the future we would have all propositions which immediately Concernes not our Masters b[usiness] Sent us from the proposers themselves that Soe when we Come to proceed on Examination we may ground Somewhat on y^e^ desires of the Severall ℔'sons under their own hands.

The Cash bookes Coppies we have received and refer all business of that Nature till our busy times are over, it will not be amiss to turne away all thoss Villianes that you find had Cognisa[nce] of the theft in Ballasore it being intollera[ble] they Certainely thought that all woud dye elce they would never have dared we thinke to have ventured on Soe much at once.

What you wrote about y^e^ Lack was grounded on M^r^ Master whilst at Cassumbazar, he Saying that he apprehended it not agreeing with y^e^ Companies orders to Send them lack without Sticks when they order it with Sticks or the Sticklack for he absolutely Said he would not take it but turne it on the hands of those that bought it, if M^r^ Master after Sight allowed the Sending of it home we approve of it likewise it requires not much Experience to understand that lack on the Stick and the Same beaten off are the Same though not Soe in respect of Tonnage where we thought the ground of the order lay.

The Ground or reason of your Protest against Cap^t^ Erwin for the mistake of his mate we doe not Soe well now understand as possible may when Come to Ballasore for you never desired nor had order to take those Chests of Treasure on board y^e^ London on Shoare but we are not able as before noted to Judge of this business here as Shall be hereafter.

The paper Inke and ffactors provisions we understand you Sent of on board of Cap^t^ Goldsboroughs Ship Bengall Merchant the which the Master of the Arrivall Saw and demanded but was answered they would not deliver any wanting orders for their Soe doeing from you we Shall not be able to doe any thing without this paper wherefor order you to Send it on M^r^ Reades Sloope which is ordered to Come from Ballasore after the full moone.

On Receipt of this we order that George Perrin fitt himselfe to goe of into the Roade there to remaine on board one of y^e^ English Ships which you Shall find most Convenient and take Some Sheets of paper together makeing Six Small paper bookes upon 3 of which he is to inscribe Hugly goods and underneath the name of one of each of the three Ships the other must be entitled Ballasore Goods and underneath the like Manner the Names of y^e^ Ships, what Goods we Shall Send downe hence he is punctually to follow our Orders (which Shall Come with each vessell) as to the ladeing them on board any or all of the Ships for y^e^ which when ℔formed according to Said Orders he must draw out a receipt in the bookes inscribed Hugly Goods and haveing Conveyed with the Boatswaines make them Signe in those bookes which he is to keep by him and advise hither that he has received and delivered, and take the Severall Boatswaines receipts for the Said Goods what Goods you Send of from Ballasore he is exactly to follow your orders in the Same manner in Ladeing aboard the

Sev^{ll}: Ships and to take receipts for the ℔ticulers in the Bookes intitled Ballasore Goods adviseing you accordingly as how as before directed, Wee Call not elce to mind at ℔sent but earnestly recommend our Masters Investment in that place to your Care and Dilligence and Soe rest

Your very Loveing friends
MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD READE

CAP^{T}: THOMAS ANDREWS — HUGLY OCTOBER Y^{E} 27 : 1677

Wee have ordered the Sloope Lilly to Ballasore Roade and it is our desire and Order that you will deliver on board her upon Acco^{t} the Hon^{ble}: Company as Much Tin, Quicksilver Vermillion and Broadcloth as y^{e} Master of the Sloope may Judge a Convenient Ladeing for her, But in Case you Should not have any of those goods remaineing on board then we request you to assist her wth: Some Balla[st] if need be, the Vessell being presently to returne hither with kind Respects to you we Remaine

Your ffriends to Serve you
MATT^{s}: VINCENT
EDWARD READE

P: S: If you Send any of the goods aforesaid on the Lilly pray Send up a letter of advice therewth

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GEORGE HERRON — HUGLY OCTOBER 27TH 1677

Cap^{t}: Erwin being Come up hither with intentions to take a Survay of this River and the Braces &c^{a} that he might be able to give the Hon^{bl}: Company Some Satisfaction therein and we being in hopes they will thereby receive encouragement for the future to Send their Ships into the River to their Security and advantage we have thought fit to order you to attend Capt: Erwin and to proceed with him on board the Sloope Lilly the Cap^{t}: intending to Spend 10 or 12 daies in Searching the Sands and Channell and when he proceeds for the Roade of Ballasore we order you to goe on board the Ship Cæzar and deliver our orders given you herewith to y^{e} Commander or Cheif Officer on board and Receive from thence a Convenient Ladeing of Such goods as we have wrote for and withall hast Convenient to returne for Hugly not goeing on Shoare at Ballasore nor Staying for anything to be Sent off from thence the time of y^{e} yeare Spending away that we must hasten downe our Masters goods and you must therefore Come assoon as possible to goe downe with the Arrivall Ketch we wish you a good Voyage and Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD READE

M^{R} SAM^{LL}: HERVY &C^{A}
Loveing Friends — HUGLY 28TH OCTOBER 1677

Our last to you was dated the 16 Currant in answer to all yours to that date received, Since we have received yours of y^{e} 11th present and understand as you advise that the Phirwanna you got out to their Stops at Ragamaul our friends at Cassumbazar had received and Sent thither we wish we Could be Cleare of Gaubarre

at Cassumb as we understand the Dutch are we Should be glad to have a ℔wanna for our paying noe Custome at y^e^ Mint for at present y^e^ Country is at that Suspence that we Can neither Mint nor Sell our Masters Treasure [*Lacuna in the original*] in the Case of y^e^ mint you may Safely give [*lacuna in the original*]

Wee are Sorry your Cloth at Decca is likely to Come Short of, what you advised but hope you may yet get the weavers better to Comply which Musters agreed on as that we Shall yet have at least the quantity you formerly wrote us Concerning.

As for Wilson you must doe what you Conveniently Can w^th^out Embroyling our Masters affaires thereby for it will be better to let him take his Course rather then by medling with him to hazard the emplunging their business deeper, your Diary for m^o^ Septemb have received Mellick Cassum hath been long expected here but yet not Come in the meane time his Sonn hinders us what he Can, nor has he yet delivered Norton and Mosely to us though we think he dares not Send them to Decca least they both Should Complaine against him we understand he is now formeing an Auzdars against us that we trade very high that we have 10 or 12 Ships or Sloopes Come this yeare to Hugly (more then ever was) that we thereon bring up Merchants goods Cheating the King of his Subjects Customes not being Content to be Custome free onely our Selves, that we pay but Rup^s^ 3000 ℔ annum that if we had paid Custome it would have amounted to more then 20,000 Rup^s^ ere now, you must therefore to meet and answer these accusations preferred against us keep an Exact Correspondence in the Raies Durbar though at a Small Charge (wherein desire you to be as frugall as possible the case will beare) that you may have notice of it where you may offer this or Such like in defence, that our trade is not Soe high as formerly we haveing had for Some yeares last past from 4 to 6 Ships and Sometimes more Sent from Europe hither and this yeare in all but three that tis time we had Severall Vessells of 1000 and 1100 to 2000 Maunds each Come to Hugly but that all of them (except 2 or 3 as usuall) Came in their ballast onely to Carry our Saltpeter the Goods from Hugly to Ballasore there being great danger in respect of the great Seas below which make us afraid to venture our goods on open boates of their Country, that we Carry Merchants goods, Steale Custome &c^a^ you may Say an accusation Mellick Zendy would have fixed on us but never yet Could make any Such thing appeare nor that ever we doe any Such thing it being against the principalls and honour of our Nation.

ffor the last that our 3000 Rup^s^ piscash Comes not nigh wha[t] y Custome will amount unto, you may answer that by the Kings and Nabobs favour we trade hither but that it if be but well Considered how Small our trade hath alwaies been and that we have alwaies (when forceable yeares together by reason of our Warrs with the Dutch we have had noe Traffique at all) paid the Said Summe yearly in Hugly beside presents to y Nabob &c it Cannot we hope be thought we Trade in these parts without paying what an acknowledgement Shall by himselfe on full Consideration of the whole manner be found reasonable to Con[clu]de you must urge that our accuser is our great Enimy that he hath broken open our ffactory gates and by force after a most unpresidented way tooke two Englishmen who were the Hon^ble^ Companies prisoners there and has all along Continually abused us, and that though this and last yeare we have been forced [b]efore the time to pay in here y^e^ 3000 yearly Rs. piscash yet we Cannot to this day get a paper as usuall for it, this and the like you may argue but we recommend it to your Caution how you use these offencive arguments, but as that you Consider Mellick Cassum how like to fall in his Government here & at Ballasor whither for Continuance or not &c^a^ as you Shall find there but what we have limited in defence pray Manage with your best Skill that Soe if possible we may get our Masters goods off these here how far at least this Shipping ere any Sloopes Comes, this Govern here being a head Strong fellow noe waies to be won and endeavoring it what we Can we remaine

Your very Loveing friends

MATT VINCENT

EDW^d^ READE

Mr Edmund Bugden
Loveing ffriends &c.a Hugly 29th : October 1677

Our Last to you was dated ye 20th : Currant to wch: refer: you enchargeing the Severalls therein to your observance we have Recd. yours of the 16th Dto and have now Sent Mr Edwards downe to you, who is to act as Second of that factory and you are to give him all ye Light you can (you Saying you understand them very well) into those accots both for makeing up and ballanceing the Last yeares as alsoe for buying up this yeares Dto to ye present time &c.a.

Wee admire you Should not know where our Masters paper quills ink &c are when Mr Bugden Sent them on board ye Bengall Merchant (as we are informed) and when George Herron proffered to bring them up, he Seeing them, thereby Chance, ye mate (as well he might) refused to deliver them without order from Mr Bugden who Sent them thither, for the which order, it being bad weather George Herron Could not Stay and Soe Came without them, there is alsoe on board Said Ship if not Sent on Shoare a Chest of Canary of our Masters for Bengall No 3 none Sent ever arriveing hither this we order you to make enquiry after, and advise when you Saw Mr Marshalls Cash Chest Come Short of his Cash booke or Accot you Should have advised immediately that you might have order hence about it nor are we Centaine [*sic*] but that thence may be Summs of money issued out Since his Sickness which might be omitted to be entred which pray inquire into and advise the needful.

The Coppy of Shausteh Cauns ℔wanna on Mellick Cassum wee have not yet Seen and looking for it amongst those Confused papers you Sent up if find it you will have it herewith otherwise pray Search a little better for it there Wee Call not elce to mind at ℔ sent Soe Conclude

Your very Loveing friends
Matts Vincent
Edwd : Reade.

Mr Edward Littleton &c.a
Estemed ffriends Hugly November 1st : 1677.

This place at present is Soe beare of money that we Cannot Sell any of our Masters Treasure but are forced to take up for their Occations at I[nte]rest wherefore have Sent you 4 Chests of Royalls amount as ℔ Invoice inclosed Rups [*lacuna in the original*] which desire and order you to Sell assoon and as well as you Cano and after wee Shall Send for what money we have Occation for here which is all from

Your Loveing friends to Serve you
Matts Vincent
Edwd Reade

P : S : Wee desire you to write the full effect of these 4 Chests assoon as possible unto us

ÿdem Matts Vincent
Edwd Reade.

Mr Edward Littleton
Respected ffriends &c.a Hugly November 8th : 1677

Our last to you was dated the 1st ! Currant we have now recd yours of the Same date, the Copper plate we have found againe and on aboate now Comeing towards you we have put it from which you may receive and advise us we take Notice of

Mr Knipes Arrivall from the Mint, that Acco^{t} when Stated pray enter it into your bookes as formerly and at first leisure Send us at transcript of it, we Shall in a day or two Send you 6 Bales Broadcloth $\frac{2}{3}$ Red as you desire and doe leave it to you to Sell it to y^{e} best advantage and for the most you can gett Wee wish your taffaties were all packed and in this place, tis Strange you Cannot get boards for Chests for them what you Cannot get Chests for you must pack in Bales, what quantity in a bale you Shall find best, we Suppose about 200 peices may doe well, but if you can possibly get Chests pack none in Bales, and what you doe pack in Bales let paper be put above & beneath the bale next to the Taffaties to keep them from being defaied by y^{e} packing stuff.

Wee much admire at y^{e} folly of James Harding which Since as you advise ꝑsists in and Soe is both useless to our Masters and alsoe gives bad Examples to his fellowservants there, we order you to Send him hither by the next Conveyance alsoe we order you to Send Anthony Smith with him to be Examined about Loveneys business you have done very well in not allowing Harding his dïett money Since by denying what he is Capable off in our Masters business we thinke he has intended himselfe unworthy of it we Shall alsoe send you Some lead about 200^{mds} and order you to Sell it at Such rates as you Shall find most likely to vend it off fastest what other goods of our Masters you find requestable there pray advise us when you Shall be fully Supplyed by

Your Loveing friends

Matt^{s}: Vincent

Edw^{p}. Reade

M^{r} Job Charnock

Respected ffriend &c^{a} Hugly 9th November 1677

Our last to you was y^{e} 19 ultimo we have now rec^{d}: yours of the 23$^{d\circ}$: being glad that at last you have been able to Cleare y^{e} Saltpeter boates from Pattana we hope they may yet get hither time enough if meet not Stops in y^{e} way at Rajamaul we Suppose they will not be embarqued nor doe we feare any thing if once they get Cleare of the princes Governm^{t} where we are Sorry to understand that you and all men meet with Such hindrances in trade what you have written to us we have advised to the Agency as to Some meanes for receiveing and Confirming our Masters decaying priv[i]ledges and if you have any way further to propound, We desire you would doe it the which with our owne thought we Should remit to the Agency tis Certaine if we procure not a Phirmaund that if not before as may be feared yet questionless at Shausteh Caun our ꝑsent Nabobs Death (he being a very old man) or removeall our whole business in these parts will be at a Stop and in Confusion if an Answer Should Come from y^{e} King that we must pay Custome then we thinke.

We withdraw we Shall never bring y^{e} Nabobs Governours to any reasonable termes with us but we Shall for a yeare or two at least be lyable to be abused at pleasure of every Jackstraw in office as the poore Portugees in these parts are, the receipt we got this yeare for our 3000 Rup^{s}: piscash in this place yearly extorted we have inclosed Sent you, and desire assoon as you have done with it to remit it us here againe our Officers here yearly demanding on giveing a new receipt a Sight and Coppy of the former yeares we hope this may prevaile with the Princes Duan if not we Shall try what may be done with Shausteh Caun, our friends at Decca have Severall times desired to know in y^{e} open Durbar what answer y^{e} King had given about our trade in these parts and have alwaies hitherto been answered by Reynundelol y^{e} Nabobs Duan that noe answer was yet arrived and that we Should not trouble ourSelfes about it but mind our trade as formerly, it will not wth: you think be Seasonable to make any application either to Shausteh Caun or y^{e} Vizer at Court for a Phirmaund Custome free untill this answer Comes but we desire you to be in a readiness against it Shall happen that is to have a fitting person ready to Send up an

able Vaqueel to Court about this affaire what Can be done by meanes of Shausteh Caun we Shall then try and punctually from time to time Shall give you advices according to which you may give orders to your Vaqueel at Court.

If for 400rs bribe you can get back ye money deposited in Meirbars hands Accot: Custome it will be noe bad bargaine in that as we formerly wrote you it will be of good Consequence by being Master of President for our future trade there.

You have had ye Substance of what writen in ye ffort Generall about procury of a Phirmaund and we now Send you Coppy of the Clause it Selfe we have very little assistance to goe through with much writeing work this yeare and therefore Cannot transcribe large letters it not being of absolute necessity at ℔'sent Since we have never omitted to give a ℔'fect Accot of all ℔'ticulers in those advices wch any waies Concernes your factory.

Wee Shall See [to] get Such a note as you intimate from our Governr we yearly pay Rups: 3000 here for our trade in all these parts and if Can procure it Shall remit you by another express on purpose in the interim this Come[s] with ye receipt for ye Rups 3000 as aforesaid. Mahummood Amey Caun Should Come to be vize[r] we hope we may on remembrance of his fathers kindness to our Nation by his meanes get a Phirmaund it will not be long ere we Shall See what must be done but we hope to get all our goods on board Ship first and then Shall be at more leisure to argue the Case with ye Government, bookes, paper, quills, Beames and Scales Shall be Sent you assoon as we Can procure them from Ballasore whither we have ourselves written for them but hitherto in vaine but hope Suddenly to receive them we Call not elce to mind at present remaine

Your assured Loveing friends

MATTH[IAS] VINCENT

EDWARD READE

MR EDMUND BUGDEN &cA

Estemed ffriends

HUGLY NOVEMBER 12TH 1677.

Our last to you was dated October ye 29 to which refer you we have now received yours of ye 3d Currant ye Honble: Companies paper &ca the Mate of ye Bengall Merchant told George Herron ye Pylot of ye Arrivall that you Sent on board and that without your order he would not deliver it we hope it will at last Come up as you advise, had you Sent us an Accot what goods you have remaineing or ready in talla Soon with No: Marks &ca we Could have better told you how to lade them, all hands being now wth: you Suppose you doe not want assistance to finish your Accompts we Shall take Care on ye Sloopes to Send you 12 bales ordinary Red Broadcloth lookeing now every day for the Saltpeter which we understand left Pattana ye 23 last month in Company off ℔'C of which Mr Vincent intends God willing to Come to Ballasore in ye interim we order you to be getting in what possible you Can of ye Goods you have given out money on and to be Sorting, packing, and putting that noe time may be lost, the Method in putting we order to be thus, that what you looke over one day may next accomeing ere you pack it up ore looke over any more be Judged and ye pure given the Merchants by ye Banian to ye Merchant if dispute to pay it away if he gives to pack it up immediately and to goe in hand wth ye rest of ye Goods this you may find Some difficulty in at first but it must be done whereby many inconveniences will Certainely be avoyded.

Wee doe not well understand ye Nature of the diffirence you have lately had with yr Governour and therefore till doe Shall Say little in it at present especially it being passed but must remind you that Soe many armed men as you mention ought not to be held out in ye manner and to ye place you mention but on every extraordinary Occation Such we hope Seldome doe or will happen in Bengall and never to be used but with all amicable waies of takeing up diffirences are ob[stru]cted which you

[*lacuna in the original*] to act that y^e^ Cheif of Decca, we are glad that noe mischeif was done and that all things are as they were, and withall order you to avoide by all meanes any Such Rash undertakeings for y^e^ future, the Invoices you desire accompany these not elce at ℔sent but Subscribe

Your Loveing friends
MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD READE

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON
Estemed ffriend — HUGLY 13 NOVEMB̃ 1677

Our last to you was of the 8^th^: Currant yesterday we dispeeded 4 boates to you with 50 piggs o[f] Lead pz. 200^md^: 10^sr^ this weight as alsoe 6 Bales qt 36: halfe peices broadcloth ⅔ red & ⅓ green they all amount as ℔ Invoice inclosed unto Rup^s^ 28798 their disposeall recommend unto you and Remaine

Your very Reall friends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^: READE

M^R^ FYTCH NEDHAM
Loveing ffriend — HUGLY Y^E^ 14 NOVEMB̃ 1677

Suddenly expecting M^r^ Samuell Hervy have according to orders formerly Sent him and not thinking it adviseable in those troubleSome and uncertaine times that you Should both at once be long out of Decca we therefore order you to repaire thither with all Convenient hast and if M^r^ Hervy should not have left the place to take all remaines belonging to our Masters of him and if he be Come away to take them of whomsoever he hath left them with, you are to act y^e^ Durbar &c^a^ affaires of the Hon^ble^ Company there as suprem tendent untill further orders, we Strictly encharge to your Exact Correspondence hither and punctually advices from time to time of all importances occurrences, ℔ticularly that you Soe keep in with y^e^ Rayes Muttsuddies that when answer Comes from y^e^ King about our paying Custome we may have at least 5 or 6 daies time ere a ℔wanna be issued out and Sent Conveying it hither your bookes Diary Coppy booke of Letters &c^a^ we order you to keep exact and Methodicall and to Send in your Acco^t^ of Cash monthly we wish you your health, a good Voyage & rest

Your very Loveing friends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^. READE.

CAP^T^. THOMAS ANDREWS — HUGLY 15 NOVEMB̃ 1677

S^r^ Pray receive on board your Ship Cæzar twenty five baggs of Sugar Marked G P to be delivered either at Metchlepatam or Madrass the fraught of Said being one Tonn and a halfe being paid here into y^e^ Comp^as^: Cash by M^r^ James Harrington which is all at ℔sent from

Yo^r^ Loveing friends
MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD READE

Mr Job Charnock

Respected Friend Hugly 16 Novembr 1677

Our last to you was dated th[e] 9th: Currant to which refer you and these are Cheifly occationed by a letter yesterday received from Decca intimating that our old Nabob Shausteh Caun is Certainely turned out of the Governmt: of Bengall and that another Amraw Named Auzzem Caun is Comeing in his Steade this or whoever it be that Comes we thinke it very good that you [v]isited him in his passage through Pattana and therefore desire and order you to doe it unless you Shall Centainely [*sic.*] find it prejudiciall to all our Masters affaires which we Cannot imagine how it Can but rather advantagious by this meanes propably you may attaine Notice how the King has determined the business of our not paying or paying Custome in Bengall and give us Su[c]h items in that and other necessary things as may better prepare us to encounter him at Rajamaul, ye Princes Neshawn &ca persian papers of Concerne lately and formerly Sent you which are or may be of use to the business of these parts you haveing done wth them pr[ay] returne us if with Security it may be done by a paire of able peons it will behove us all to bestir our Selves in this Juncture wherein all ye Honble: Companies priviledges long injoyed in these parts Soe manifestly ly at Stake in Consideration of which we the more earnestly recommend this affaire to your Care, vigilancy and exact advice hither, that we may the better know how to manage our Selves accordingly, the Saltpeter patellos we had advice from Cassumbazar were ready to leave Ragamaul the 7th Currant Since which have had noe newes of them though now begin to expect them daily, wee are

Yor very Loveing ffriends

Matts Vincent

Edwd: Reade

Mr Samuell Hervy

Mr Fytch Nedham Hugly 16 Novembr: 1677

Our Last to you was dated ye 28 ultimo Since wch Came to hand yours of the 26th: Dto: and 7th: Currant the former was accompanied of 13 bales of our Masters Decca Cloth which we have put waxcloth unto and repacked in bales noe boards for Chests at ℔sent being here procureable, Wee are Sorry to understand by yours of ye 7th that Nabob Shaesteh Caun is turned out of his Government of Bengall especially at Such a time when our Masters priviledges in Soe weake a Condition as now they are and ye grand question of our paying Custome not yet resolved, we heartily pray that ye new Nabob bring a favourable Sent[ence] Concerning our trade from ye King as it may be he may and then we hope every thing may goe on in a better Channell then formerly pray let us have Constant and punctuall advice of all our occurre[nc]es materiall and if by any meanes we Could know from Reynundelol what answer we might expect from ye King Concerning our present impending trouble of Custome it would give us Some insight how may proceed the which we Leave to you to get done if with Concerning and Rest

Your Loveing friends

Matts Vincent

Edward Reade

Mr Edmund Bugden &cA

Loveing ffriends Hugly 17 November 1677

Our last to you was dated ye 12th: Currant we have now received yours of ye 9th: Dto we have now recd: in a wine Chest Severall factors provisions vizt 15¾ Rheames of all sorts of paper out of 30 Dto: 14 Alphabt of 48 do with paper bookes of 18 do one Rundlet of Ink halfe out noe quills nor inkglasses as Signified in ye Invoice but hope to have an Accot of all when Come downe.

Shausteh Cauns ꝑwanna went by our Last but he is now turned out a Nabob fidei Caun new Named Auzzum Caun: is Comeing in his Steed, Hodgee Soffy Caun the Kings Duan governes Bengall Still his Arrivall and Noorola Caun goes for Orixa till y^e^ New Nabobs Son Shall arrive thither, what we wrote to you last as to Methodizeing your business with y^e^ Merchants there we Still Confirme M^r^ Cassum on his turne of business begins to play his old tricks afresh not giveing us dusticks as formerly and our Peter boates after leaving Rojamaul when we thought them cleare of all difficulties hapening to light upon an Aidy of the Nabobs at Meirdapore who Stopped them to Carry up his Masters goods to Hindostan and had given order for their takeing out their Peter M^r^ Knipe is Sent to See whither for a Small bribe he can bring them off in which we wish him good Success on Consideration of which two things M^r^: Vincent haveing intended to leave this place the beginning of y^e^ next weake will be forced to Stay Somewhat longer to See what will be y^e^ event of them and accordingly to take order Concerning them in which interim we order you to hasten y^e^ Hon^ble^: Companies Investment there into y^e^ ffactory, and Sort, prize, and pack up Said Goods ready to be Shipped away, and if we Should be detained here by that ꝑsent exigency of affaires longer then ordinary that you Send on board what of the Said Goods can be taken in ere y^e^ Saltpeter arrives for which desire you to be referred to y^e^ Commanders, if any Oportunity happens Suddenly pray Send up 4 peices of y^e^ Hon^ble^: Companies fine green we haveing none here for pesents Wee Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT

EDW^D^ READE

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON

Respected ffriends &c^a^ HUGLY 17 NOVEMB: 1677

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 13 C[ur]rant Since which Came to hand yours of y^e^ Same date and are glad you have received the 4 Chests of Royalls of ⅛ which hope you may Sell notwithstanding the alteration of Government in y^e^ Tancksaull busines will remaine in y^e^ Same hands untill y^e^ new Nabob arrives, which we Conceive will be at least 5 months, we are glad Soe good a Governour as Mahomood Morad is to be in Ammodavad (till y^e^ Nabob Comes downe) under whome we hope noe Stops will be in our Masters affaires there he haveing all along while formerly he was in place been very Civill, the Nabob that Comes downe is Phiddei Caun under the New Name of Auzzum Caun and his Son is to be Nabob of Orixa in y^e^ interim Nowrola Caun is to take that Governm^t^: from Jaffar Caun y^e^ ꝑsent Nabobs Sonn but that y^e^ Prince Should Come and live at Rajamaul we Cannot beleive it being part of y^e^ Governm^t^ of Bengall, we feare these Alterations on y^e^ present great unSetledm^t^ of y^e^ Companies affaires in these parts may be the occation of great troubles if not totall Stop of their business for Some time in this Kingdome which we pray God avert and that at least we may have Soe much time as to lade these Ships now in y^e^ Roade away ere the Storme falls upon us, we would advise you to be Spareing in your Investment till See how things are like to fadge for tis better to have the Hon^ble^: Companies money in house when an universall embarqueing may Come as may not without reason Suddenly be expected then abroad in y^e^ Natives hands because it may then be utterly lost, your goods we order you to Send away what Can be gott ready assoone as possible, Scarlet we have here but noe fine green, the former Shall Send you assoon as gett Dusticks for it, they being on their new alteration or we know not what other fancy of M. Cassums afresh denied us though promised on them his yearly usuall ꝑsent in a day or two more Shall See what he will doe or demand.

Wee are Sorry after all those great Stops that have hapned at Pattana on our Masters Peter, that an unexpected one Should fall on y^m^ by the Nabobs addy at Meirdapore we hope that M^r^ Knipe may prevaile by meanes of a Small bribe with

him to let them goe but if it Should Soe happen that notwithstanding all meanes used you Cannot get them Cleare but they will turne y^e^ Peter on Shoare in Such Case we order you to gett what Oxen possible about Colcapore Meirdapore &c^a^ to bring it overland to you (if noe other boates after y^e^ Aidy Shall be gone and it be not too late to be procureable thereabouts) and let boates be ready on Cassumbazar Side to receive it in as it Comes and as fast as laden proceed hither that at least we may take Care to dispatch our Ships after y^e^ other as we Shall be able but we Shall be hugely glad to heare of their releasement as we yet hope of it all as it is, this embarqued of y^e^ Peter and unexpected Crosses of M : Cassum w[i]ll Occation M^r^ Vincents longer tarrying here then he intended Since in Case of Such difficulties as these may be it will not be adviseable for him to leave M^r^ Reade alone, as he must be otherwise be Sure y^e^ Hon^ble^ Company have ordered all especially business of this nature to be Carried on by Joint Councell, else he had appointed y^e^ beginning of next weeke for his departure hence which now on this Occation must be a little Longer prolonged, Wee Call not else to mind Save that we are

Your Loveing ffriends

The Peter is 15100^mds^

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDWARD READE

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON
Respected ffriends

HUGLY 20^TH^ NOVEMB^R^: 1677

Our Last to you was y^e^ 17^th^: present to which refer you Just now received yours of y^e^ 17^th^ d^o^ and are excedingly Concerned the Case requiring noe less at our Masters Petre being thus w^n^: thought all was Cleare, Stopped at Meirdapore, we have Considered that to bring it overland by Oxen to Cassumbazar will be to Small purpose, Since we question not but [B]ulchund hath pressed all y^e^ boates procureable thereabouts and to bring it hither on Oxen would were it feasable take up too much time that ere it would arrive it would be time that y^e^ Ships were dispatched from Ballasore wherefore we earnestly Recommend it to you to Solicit Bulchund in ℔'son your Selfe, if can find noe other way to let y^e^ boates only come and discharge their Ladeing at Hugly and if he pleases he may Send a man on all or each boate to whome we Shall deliver them and in two or three daies after their Arrivall here hasten them back againe to Meirdapore pray use this way or any other Conducive to this purpose backed with Some money though it Should be to y^e^ amo^t^: off 1000^Rups^ or Somewhat more being it will be a very dead loss in dead foraught &c^a^ to our Masters Should this Peter be kept Soe long that it Cannot goe home on these Ships Wee earnestly Recommend this business being of great Consequence to your utmost endeavours and Remaine

Your assured loveing friends

MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD READE

Wee find by M^r^ Hervys Comeing by at Meirdapore at y^e^ Same time when y^e^ Peter boates were Stopped that Small boates are not Soe much taken notice off, it would be well to try what of Such you Could procure in Case you Cannot gett y^e^ great ones Cleare and rather then faile to lade all on them we refer it to you and rest

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E : R

Mr Edward Littleton

Respected ffriend &c[a] Hugly November 22 : 1677

Our last to you was dated y[e] 20[th] Currant we have Seen a ℔'ticuler letter from you intimating the obdurateness of Bulchund in his denying to let our Masters Saltpeter boates goe from Meirdapore that he feares to take a bribe and that you have been advised to take y[e] boates away by force this latter Course we thinke of doubtfull & dangerous Consequence Such as we Cannot See through and therefore we Cannot think it adviseable in y[e] present Condition of y[e] Companies affaires in these parts we therefore order you on receipt of this to draw up a paper or fuzd declareing the great dammage will be done y[e] Company for want of Ballast in their Ships by keeping these boates whereby we Shall not be able to get the Peter aboard them : this moonsoone that we will Certainely in Soe many daies deliver these boates to him in Hugly or Meirdapore againe rather then faile he Sending Some of his own peons as Mohuffush on y[e] boates hither and that for his favour, in this great Exigency he Shall have Rup[s] : 1000, this gett well worded and [goe] your Selfe to him delivering it to him when few people are with him with your owne hand and it is possible you may prevaile for feare we dare not venter on it, the Hon[ble] Company haveing often enjoyned an Amicable Correspondence with y[e] Governm[t]: of this Country but never directed us to use force, we earnestly Recommend this great affaire to your prudent Management and as much expedition as y[e] thing will beare Wee Remaine

Your very Loveing friends

Matthias Vincent
Edward Reade
Samuell Hervy

Mr Fytch Nedham &c[a]

Loveing ffriends Hugly 22 November 1677

Our Masters Saltpeter boates being Stopped at Meirdapore by Bulchund and ordered to unlade that he may have them for the Nabobs use to Carry his Luggage up to Hindostan the which will be an unSpeakable loss to y[e] Hon[ble] Company in that we Shall not be able to gett y[e] Saltpeter downe within these Moonsoones for Bengall we therefore order you to Complaine to y[e] Ray Concerning this and endeavour to get us licence to bring our boates to Hugly where Shall deliver them to whome it Shall be thought fitt for y[e] Nabobs use, pray be quick in your advices of all kinds to us Since it may be of great importance to our Masters affaires in y[e] ℔sent troubleSome posture of things in these parts, Wee are

The business of y[e] TanckSaul Custome being very detainentiall to our Masters business, treasure Selling & Coyning very Slowly till that be determined we order you to use your utmost endeavours to put a good issue to that affaire

ÿdem M : V.
E. R
S : H

Your Loveing ffriends

Matt[s] Vincent
Edw[d] Reade
Sam[ll] Hervy

Mr Fytch Nedham &c[a]

Loveing ffriends Hugly 23 Novemb̃ : 1677

Our last to you was yesterday Morning in y[e] evening arrived yours of y[e] 12[th] : Currant whereby understand you bave Sent by boates 4 bales of Decca Cloth hitherward being y[e] remainer of what Investment made there this yeare & y[e] full and of what to be expected thence.

Wee Could heartily wish the business of y^e^ Mint were brought to Some good issue till which be done we Shall not be able to find vend for our Masters Treasure which lies Still a great part in y^e^ house unSold noe Merchants till y^e^ mint Custome be determined being willing to put any treasure in to be Coined, we hope your next will give us an Acco^t^ of its Consummation.

Wee hope you have not failed Soe to bestir your Selves as to gett y^e^ Phirwanna newly granted us by the Nabob, for our free trade in Bengall againe ꝑfected and into your hands in that it may be of good Consequence to our Masters affaires to procure y^e^ like of this new Nabob at his first Comeing whereby y^e^ question of our paying Custome we hope may againe for Some time ly forgotten till we Can one way or other make way to gett this Emperors Phirmaund for all our priviledges in these parts in this and all your Expences we Injoyne you all y^e^ frugallity can be, yet Soe as that y^e^ business (Especially when of Such Consequence as this Seemes to bee) may not be Started thereby, we Call not else to mind Save well wishes for your health & prosperity and Rest

P. S. Assoone as ever you can get y^e^ Nabobs Phirwanna finished pray dispeed it hither with 4 Coppies attested by y^e^ Cozzee

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDWARD READE
SAM^ll^ HERVY

ẏdem M: V
E R
S H

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON

Respected ffriend &c^a^

HUGLY NOVEMB̃: 24^th^: 1677

Our last was of y^e^ 22^d^ Currant we have now rec^d^ yours of y^e^ 20^th^ November with y^e^ bad news of our Masters Peter being turned ashoare and y^e^ patellas Carried away by force by y^e^ old Nabobs illunatered officers the which we are heartily Sorry to understand in that it will now be impossible to get it downe time enough to lade on these Europe Ships this Moonsoone, but we have thought on this expedient (intending to Send away y^e^ Ships assoone as usuall) to fraught up Severall Vessells hence Sending them by y^e^ 5^th^: of January at furthest to rights to Madrass with this Peter, if therefore you can possible procure carrage by land or by water or both, but y^e^ rather the latter because Cheaper which we Strictly order you Suddenly to endeavour and with as much expedition as y^e^ present Circumstances of affaire will Suffer you Soe as that y^e^ Saltpeter may according to good probabily be in Hugly by y^e^ 25^th^ of next month at furthest we enorder you to Send it downe to this place for Should it Soe happen that these goods Should remaine behind this yeare it will prove a vast loss as well as disappointment to our Hon^ble^: Masters not elce at ꝑsent we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^: VINCENT
EDWD^D^ READE
SAM^LL^: HERVY

M^R^ THOMAS BROWNE

HUGLY 26 NOVEMB̃: 1677

Pray receive into y^e^ Sloope Lilly Silk punyah 23 bales Viz^t^: 9 bales d^o^ marked W 3 Bales Marked W 3 bales Marked ΘΘA3 bales Marked ΘΘ2 Bales Marked R P 1 bale T W 2 bales Marked R: D: in all 23 bales Silke alsoe 2 Duppers of oyle Marked W D ½ bagg Sugar Marked WD, 4 baggs of Rice marked W D one Jar of butter Marked ΘΘ & 2 d^o^ Marked K I alsoe 10 baggs of Cutt

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDWARD READE

Mr Thos. Browne Hugly 26 : November 1677

The Honble : Companies affaires requiring our Spediest advices to the Right Worpll : Agent and Councell at Madrass we have therefore made fitt ye Sloope Lilly for this purpose and order you upon receipt hereof to goe on board hir and proceed forthwith directly towards Madrass makeing all possible hast you can for ye Spediest arrivall thither and not Stay at Ballasore or any other Port till you gett thither, where when please God you arrive you are to deliver our letter to ye Right Worpll : Agent &ca and for your future proceedings to follow Such order as they Shall think fitt to give you, we wish you a good Voyage & Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matthias Vincent

Edward Reade

Mr Edward Littleton

Estemed ffriend Hugly 28 November : 1677.

Our last was of ye 24th: present Since which we have received your Severalls of ye 20 : 22 : and 24th : de which Came to hand Just as we were about giveing orders in ꝑsuance of a Consultation held here ye 24 : Currant to you that if boates were not procureable for our Masters Peter, that then Should endeavour to hire Oxen and to endeavr both by Land and by water to gett it downe hither, if to be effected and brought hither ye 25 next month at furthest haveing resolved to dispatch ye Ships by ye middle of next month we are glad to understand by yours of ye 24th that 17 Bunglers are got ready and now laden for we were afraide though resolved noe endeavours Should be wanting in our Side, that assoone as ye Nabob Shall be removed our whole business will be Stopped till can get ye new expected Nabobs ꝑwanna wch : ꝑhope may be done Shausteh Caun haveing promised to graunt us a new Phirwanna for our free trade at his goeing away which we have hope will prove a good ground for us to procure one from Auzzum Caun at his Arrivall, we desire all Sorts of boates may be hired So as if possible it may get here time enough to be yet laden on ye Europe Ships the which will be a great Charge Saved to our Masters you have well observed that Jaffer Cauns horsemen Dustick is of noe greater force then ours and we hope Mr Nedham & Mr Collins together may be able to procure boates of one Sort or another enough for ye whole quantity of Peter.

As to takeing Charge of Boolchunds Carpett &ca as you mention Since he has been So Civill you may agree to what he desires if ꝑsists Still in it remembring all necessary Cautions for our Security.

Wee are glad our Masters boates of Lead and Broadcloth are Come we Still are of Opinion that it will be Convenient to have any Considerable Summe in weavers or Picaues hands till what Shall be able to doe with this new Nabob though are very Sorry we Should thereby againe miss this November bud of raw Silke but there is noe remedy and we must Supply its defects by ye Silke of March bud wch if Seasonable weather happens at that time will not Come much behind it.

James Harding is arrived hither who remaines as he did what you have in ye ffactory till ye Sloopes proceed to Ballasore where he Shall be examined about all things laid to his Charge

Your Taffaties &ca goods all which we desire you to hasten will be wellcome ye yeare Spending apace we Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

Matthias Vincent

Edward Reade

Mr Edmund Bugden &c.

Estemed ffriends Hugly 28th: November: 1677

Our last to you was dated ye 17: Currant Since which have received yours of ye 20th together with ye Coast letters & Generall from ye Agency wishing you had Sent all advices yt Came from those parts, As to those 5 Chests S: noe one here knows any thing of them that marke x C may possibly belong to Mr Clavell.

Tis Strange you Cannot prise ye Goods which you Sort & pack and that giveing halfe money and halfe Goods on an Investment Should any waies hinder it, Surely if ye Goods Recd: in can be packed after its paid it may much better be done while in ye factory beSides what goods you have given this yeare if you have followed orders, been at Such rates as they have been the Same as ready and ye good agreed for at rates accordingly, had we liked ye usuall Custome of that factory of Shipping off ye Goods bought there and prizeing them afterwards we Should not have troubled our Selves or you to have given another order, but haveing well Considered ye immethodicalness as well as many other inconveniences thereof we give you timely ordrs about which we enjoyne you to follow and not onely what goods you Shall have packed Since ye receipt of Said orders but what ever packed before prised and ye Merchants acquainted therewith or directed 2 daies time given him at most to agree to it or Carry away his goods returning ye money and Goods with ye advance mentioned in Contract this we Strictly enjoyne you to doe it being your business & Ballasore being as distinct from Hugly as any other factory in Bengall you will find your Selves answerable for all things therein by you transacted therein.

Those timbers &ca Mr Edwards has brought an Acco[t] off as wanting to Compleat ye Warehous at Cassumbazar Since ye other Sent up formerly proved weake and unusefull we order you to provide Ready to be Shipped off on ye first Oportunity.

Our Peter was all throwne ashoare by ye Nabob Shausteh Cauns Servants and the boates Carried away by force the which advised two daies agoe by ye Sloope Lilly (bought for that purpose) to ye Worpll Agency but last night had advice that we had 17 Bunge[lass] at Meirdapore and were ladeing them Soe hope a good quantity of our Peter if noe Stop as last yeare happens may yet be gotten down ere these Ships depart pray get every thing ready and your goods as fast prised and baled let them be Shipped off that when we arrive we may not be troubled with any of your business above noted, Wee Call not else to mind at ꝑsent Remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edward Reade

Mr ffytch Nedham &c.

Loveing ffriends Hugly 29th: Novemb̃: 1677

Our last to you was dated ye 23 Since which have recd yours of ye 12th: & 16 dº, ye former is 4 bales which you Say is all of your Masters Cloth we Can expect from your factory this yeare, we wish it Could have been a greater quantity, we are Sorry by yours of ye 16 to understand ye ill Success of ye Tancksaul affaire wee have now laden most part of ye Honble: Companies goods now here and Shall dispatch them hence to prevent what in us lies, these being stopped by your Duan, who Seemes to intend it assoone as ye Nabob leaveing Decca and he Comes into place, pray if any Such ꝑwanna as Came last yeare for demanding afresh be intended us be Sure you make ye Duans Mutsuddies Soe much your friends as that if possible it may be Soe many daies retarded as that wee may have Sufficient warning to gett what remaineing

Goods Shipped off and to prepare our Selves to endure y^e^ brunt, the Nabob Shausteh Cauns new ℔wanna promised lately for our future trade in these parts pray faile not to gett and Coppies as formerly desired Wee Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
SAM^LL^ HERVY

M^R^ GEORGE HERRON — HUGLY 30 NOVEMB̃ : 1677

Wee haveing laden aboard y^e^ Sloope Arrivall what of y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ goods thought fitting we order you to repaire on board Said Sloope, and to weigh your Anchor and Set Saile bending your Course for y^e^ most Spedy attaining of Ballasore Roade where you are to Come to an Anchor as neer ye English Ships as with Conveniency you Can and to deliver our letter to M^r^ George Perrin whome you will find there whose Orders you are to follow for your unladeing & returne hither we Remaine

Your Loveing friends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
SAM^LL^ HERVY

M^R^ THOMAS MEVINSON — HUGLY 30^TH^ : NOVEMB : 1677

Wee haveing laden aboard y^e^ Sloope Ganges what of y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Goods thought fitting we order you to repaire on board Said Sloope and to weigh your Anchor and Set Saile bending your Course for y^e^ most Spedy attaineing of Ballasore Roade where you are to Come to an Anchor, as neere y^e^ English Ships as with Conveniency you can and to deliver our letter to M^r^ George Perrin whome you will find there whose Order you are to follow for your unladeing and returne hither we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
SAM^LL^ HERVY

M^R^ GEORGE PERRIN — HUGLY 30^TH^ : NOVEMB̃ : 1677

THIS boara Sellim Mirda Master Comes two hundred fourty and one baggs of turmerick Marked as ℔ Margent for acco^t^ : y^e^ Hon^ble^ Company the which we order to be Laden 161 baggs on board y^e^ Bengall Merchant and 80 baggs on y^e^ London we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDWARD READE
SAM^LL^ : HERVY

Pray take great Care you keep your booke of y^e^ Boatswaines receipts exactly as wee enordered formerly

ỹdem M : V
E : R
S : H

Mr George Perrin Hugly 30th : Novemb : 1677

T On this boate Pursoatum Mirda Master Comes 321 baggs of Turmerick Marked as ℔ Margent for accot ye Honble : Compa : which you are hereby ordered to lade 214 baggs do : on ye : Cæzar and 107 do on ye London we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts Vincent
Edwd : Reade
Samll Hervy

Mr George Perrin
Loveing ffriend Hugly ye 30th Novemb : 1677

Wee have Laden on ye Sloope Arrivall accot our Honoble Masters 250 baggs Saltpeter 51 Chest Cassumbazar Taffaties 1 Case Maulda Musters & 172 Bales Raw Silke and Taffaties, halfe ye Peter we order you to lade on board the Bengall Merchant & halfe on board the Cæzar and you are to lade on ye Cæzar 57 Bales & 17 Chests Taffaties and on ye Bengall Merchant 58 Bales and 17 Chests Taffaties 1 Case Maulda Musters N° 120 and and on ye new London 57 Bales & 17 Chests, the Masters Receipt goes here inclosed, the 9 Bales Raw Taffaties lade 3 Bales on each Ship they are N° 1 to 9 and are included in ye 172 bales of Raw Silke and taffaties above Mentioned for Markes & Numbers of ye goods Sent we refer you to the Bill of Ladeing inclosed

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts Vincent
Edwd : Reade
Samll Hervy

Mr George Perrin
Loveing ffriend Hugly 30th Novemb : 1677

Wee have Laden on ye Sloope Ganges accot our Honble : Masters one hundred fourty baggs of Peter 47 Chests Taffaities 56 Bales Silke and 11 Bales Decca Cloth and a Small ballet marked T C all which we order you to dispose off as followeth, halfe ye Saltpeter lade aboard ye Cæzar & halfe aboard ye Bengall Merchant alsoe on ye Cæzar lade 15 Chests Taffaties 19 bales Silke 3 bales Decca Cloth & 1 Ballet Marked T : C on ye new London 15 Chests Taffaties 19 Bales Silke & 4 bales Decca Cloth & on ye Bengall Merchr 17 Chests Taffaties 18 Bales Silke & 4 bales Decca Cloth Inclosed goe ye Bill of Ladeing to which refer you for Markes & Numb the Sloope assoon as unladen which gett done withall expedition imaginable as alsoe ye Sloope Arrivall pray returne hither to Mr John Byam &ca to be reladen with what Shall then be remaineing of ye Compas goods here we Call not elce to mind at ℔sent Save that we rest

Your Loveing friends

Pray keep your bookes of receipts exact otherwise we Shall be much puzled when Come to draw out our Invoices from them

Matts Vincent
Edwd Reade
Samll Hervy

ỹdem Matts Vincent
Edwd Reade
Samll Hervy

Mr Edward Reade
Mr John Byam

Respected ffriends Hugly 30 Novembr 1677

The Season of ye yeare being very far Spent I am now goeing down to Ballasore to See how forwards all things are there whither in referrence to Severall Examinations enordered by our Masters Mr Reade must Suddenly follow, I leave this as a remembrance for what by you to doe in ye Honble: Companies business the goods Contracted for this yeare in this factory a ℔ ye Severall Merchts. and weavers Notice left with you pray gett as many of them in as you can and Sort prize and Send ym away so as that they may be in ye Roade by ye 20th day next month what Cannot be got in Soe as to Come by that time the Merchants must keep & repay the money according to Contract, the Honble: Companies Saltpeter wch: has detained me in Hugly is (as just now understand) Laden 4 dayes agoe on 56 boates, that of wch Came from Meirdapore ye 25 Currant this alsoe as it pleases God it Shall arrive pray lade what decked Vessells are all ready here and procureable and Send them downe to Mr Perrin in Ballasore Roade the rest lade on Boreas hired here for that purpose reserving onely a Jocund Ladeing for ye 2 Sloopes, ye Arrivall and ye Ganges, which Shall be dispatched out of Ballasore hitherward the Same day they are unladen but in Case you have Notice from Decca whither we have by Severall letters taken orders to give us immediate Notice as alsoe to get Such an order delayed 4 or 5 daies if it Should Come that a Stope is Likely to be put as it was last yeare upon our Masters business then immediately lade all away on Boreas may gett below Tanna ere ye Sloope may arrive, the Goods you Send downe pray proportion them in this enordering Mr Perrin Soe to Lade them aboard but alwaies lett ye Bengall Merchant have ye greater proportion of what goods will not fall into just thirds, I Call not else to mind Save heartily wishes for your Success and to Subscribe

Your very Loveing friend
Matthias Vincent

The Pattana Invoice of Saltpeter is not yet received pray bring or Send it downe to Ballasore Mr Saffery & Mr Brochelsby have each of them received 100 Rups Accot their fraught of Saltpeter to Ballasore wch : pray deduct

The Saltpeter it being now very late in ye yeare take onely 2 or 3 baggs out of a boate and let be weighed to See how it holds out the rest let it be Carried as it Comes to ye Vessell Side on which it must be laden and So taken in putting Some new baggs aboard that So [th]at if any breake they may be Shifted therewith

ÿdem Matts Vincent

Mr George Perrin Ballasore Roade 8th : Decembr : 1677.

We expect from Hugly with ye 390 baggs Saltpeter now come on these two Sloopes in all 8290 Baggs of ye which you are to putt baggs 5594 on ye Bengall Merchant and baggs 5593 on ye Cæzar alsoe baggs 5593 on the new London, now whatsoever you find on Arrivall of ye expected Sloopes and boates from Hugly Short of this whole quantity of 8290 baggs above Said, you are to deduct from ye 5593 baggs orde[red] to be laden on ye new London She being to Stay till ye returne of of the Arrivall and Ganges for ye Compleatment of her Said Share of Peter the Peter we enorder to be laden as above noted in all other things follow what directions you Shall receive from Hugly we Remaine.

Your Loveing friends
Matts Vincent
Samll Hervy

Mr John Byam &c.a Ballasore Roade 8th Decemb. 1677

Wee have Laden aboard the Sloope Arrivall 694 piggs of Lead & two hausers and on ye Sloope Ganges 360 piggs do. and four hausers as ℔ the Severall inclosed Receipt appeare the wch assoone as it pleases God they arrive in Hugly unlade with all expedition & put aboard what Saltpeter &ca goods Remaineing with you & dispatch them hither to Mr George Perrin to be disposed off as he has Received orders to doe here we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
Matts Vincent
Samll Hervy

Mr George Herron Ballasore Roade 8th Decemb 1677

You haveing now laden what of our Masters Goods you brought from Hugly and haveing received aboard what thought Convenient you are immediately to repaire aboard the Sloope Arrivall and to weigh Anchor and Sett Saile bending your Course for ye most Speedy attaining ye Port of Hugly where you are againe to Come to an Anchor and Carry our Letter ashoare to Mr John Byam &ca ffactors and to follow their orders for your further disposeall we wish you a good Voyage & Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
Matts Vincent
Samll Hervy

The time of ye yeare being far Spent
pray make what hast up and downe
you possibly Can

ÿdem Matts Vincent.
Samll Hervy.

Mr Thomas Nevinson Ballasore Roade 8th Xbre: 1677

You haveing now unladen the Sloope Ganges of what of our Masters Goods you brought from Hugly and haveing received on board what thought Convenient you are immediately to repaire aboard Said Sloope & to weigh your Anchor & Set Saile bending your Course for ye most Speedy attaineing the Port of Hugly where you are againe to Come to an Anchor & to advise Mr John Byam &ca of your Arrivall whose order for your further disposeall we enjoyne you to follow and wishing you a good Voyage we Remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends
Matts Vincent
Samll Hervy

The time of ye yeare being now late pray
make all ye hast up and downe you
possibly Can

ÿdem Matts Vincent
[Sa]mll Hervy

Mr George Perrin Ballasore 14th Decemb 1677

Wee Should be glad to heare of ye Arrivall of ye two Sloopes that Came from Hugly with Mr Reade much wondring what is become of them assoone as the Boreas or great boates from Hugly arr[ive in] to the Roade pray advise us that we may Send

our goods off hence which the Commanders have desired us to wave till they Can have a quantity of Peter to Stiffen their Ships what Goods of our Masters remaineing aboard the Bengall Merch^{t} or Cæzar pray Send ashoare by any good Conveyance what is aboard y^{e} new London lett remaine aboard till y^{e} Companies Sloopes Arrive and then let all be put aboard them we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD EEADE
EDMUND BUGDEN

P.S. Lett the tin aboard the Sloope Mary remaine there and what else is in y^{e} London lett be put upon y^{e} Companies Sloopes when they Come.

M^{s} VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN

M^{R} GEORGE PERRIN BALLASORE DECEMB̃ 14TH : 1677.

Wee are very glad Since y^{e} foregoeing of this date to understand the Sloopes & Boras with y^{e} Peter &c^{a} : arrived by each Sloope you have directions where to put on board all y^{e} Goods of y^{e} Hon^{ble} : Companies in them which you are punctually to follow haveing great Care to y^{e} Markes & Numbers of each ℔ticular, and after the Sloopes are unladen you are to make a Computation of what Saltpeter is already put on board the English Ships and what more you have advice off Come on y^{e} Boras and accordingly to lade that on y^{e} Europe Ships So that each of them may have equall thirds of y^{e} Peter onely you must remember that to make up the $\frac{1}{3}$ for y^{e} London there will 700 baggs Come by the Arrivall and Ganges with which you are to Compleat that Ships proportion

Cap^{t} : Goldsborough hath write to his mate about y^{e} forceing goods away and we hope he nor noe others will dare doe Soe againe if they Should it will Create them and us a great deale of trouble Soe pray tell them and you must Compute the Ladeing of y^{e} Peter according keeping Soe much as was ordered to y^{e} Cæzar out of the other quantity ordered to y^{e} Bengall Merchant if any Ship exceeds in quantity of Saltpeter as where odd, Baggs or Bales are let it be y^{e} Bengall Merchant wee : are

Your Loveing ffriends.

MATT^{s} VINCENT
EDW READE
EDM BUGDEN
SAM^{LL} HERVY

The Boatswaines receipt for goods out of y^{e} Advice on board the Cæzar we have returned you and ord^{er} you as their Commanders have now enjoyned them to make y^{e} Boatswaines give another & all others for y^{e} future (& before if any) in y^{e} bookes you keep for that purpose

ÿdem MATT^{s} VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUDGEN
SAM^{ll}: HERVY

MR GEORGE PERRIN · BALLASORE 20TH: DECEMB 1677

Wee have received yours of ye 19th and take Notice what peter is Laden on each Ship what remaineing on ye Hanniball as alsoe on the two Boras Lately Come into ye Roade the former as you write being 415 baggs and ye latter 340 Ditto we order you to lade aboard ye Bengall Merchant the which will make her quantity of Peter 2856 baggs and if you Should have laden any of ye before mentioned add out of the Hanniball or Bora which according to your letter we hope you will not have done till our orders, then you must Supply that quantity of what you want of it out of the very next quantity that Shall arrive from aloft but we hope this will Supply all, the goods that went hence yesterday hope will Suddenly be laden and enordered in thirds aboard, if you can, let ye Bengall Merchant have 6 bales of Ballasore Goods more then her Share here being Still a dozen bales behind and deduct it out of ye other two Ships th[ir]ds, when you have thus done pray Send ye receipt bookes for ye Bengall Merchr ashoare that we may draw out Bills of Ladeing and dispatch her the whole quantity of Peter expected and Come from Hugly and this place makes 8548 baggs of which according to ye foregoeing order you are to lade (in all) on ye Bengall Merchant 2856 baggs or thereabouts the rest expected must be Soe laden as that ye Cæzar and the London may have an equall Share pray be quick in yor answer and Sending the receipt bookes ashoare we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
MATTS VINCENT
EDWD : READE
EDMD BUGDEN
SAMLL HERVY

MR GEORGE PERRIN · BALLASORE XBER : 21ST AT NIGHT 1677

Wee have received the booke of receipts belonging to ye Bengall Merchant but wonder you would Send it before it was ₱fected and you had put on board ye Bengall Merchant all we have ordered, we have returned it to you and order you to ₱fect it withall imaginable Speed and returne it againe immediately to us we remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
MATTS VINCENT
EDWD READE
EDMD BUGDEN
SAMLL HERVY

MR GEORGE PERRIN BALLASORE 22D DECEMBER 1677

Wee wrote you last night to which refer you and then Sent you back againe your bookes of receipts for the Bengall Merchant if any thing omitted to make up her Compleate Ladeing as enordered or mistake in Said whither it be in the goods Come down from Hugly or Sent off hence pray faile not to rectifie it ere you Send it ashoare againe which be Sure if possible to doe Soe as that it may be here by munday morning at furthest for that day God willing we intend to dispatch that Ship the which haveing received ye 2856 baggs of Saltpeter and her proportion of all other goods as in ours to you of ye 20th Currant and formerly Sent you, pray lade ye remaineing Peter Come and to Come &ca goods on board the Cæzar and new London Soe that each may have an equall part of both accounting what each hath already aboard and to be laden for we understand that the Cæzar has neer 700 baggs of Peter on board her more then the London, pray reduce them by ye meanes of what Peter Come already and to Come downe to an equallity and keep them Soe in their proportion of that and all other goods, and this for the future observe as a Standing

Rule for your present Ladeing them unless you Shall receive a Generall order for alteration in any ꝑticuler, and hence forwards Stay not for any order hence but Lade Goods that Comes from Hugly as above Specified for ye Bengall Merchts receipt bookes ashoare but let all her Ladeing be finished ere you Send it to

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATTS VINCENT
EDWD READE
EDMD BUGDEN
SAMLL HERVY

P.S. When you have laden the Anchors and Gunns and what ballast Capt Erwin tells us is on board the London on ye two Sloopes we Suppose they will be Stiff enough and then pray Send them in

ÿdem MATTS: VINCENT
EDWD READE
EDMD BUGDEN
SAMLL HERVY

CAPT THOMAS ANDREWS BALLASORE DECEMB 24TH: 1677

You are to receive on board your Ship James Harding wth his necessaries &c who you are to Carry to ffort St: George and present him to ye Agent and Councell there Soe remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATTS: VINCENT
EDWD READE
EDMD: BUGDEN
SAMLL HERVY

CAPT JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH BALLASORE DECEMB 24: 1677

You are to receive on board your Ship Richard Mosely wth his necessaries &c who you are to Carry to ffort St George and present him to ye Agent and Councell there Soe remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATTS VINCENT
EDWD READE
EDMD BUGDEN
SAMLL HERVY

CAPT: JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH BALLASORE 24TH XBER: 1677

The Season of ye yeare being now growne exceeding late, we have been necessitated to keep you Soe long by reason of ye great Stopps we have mett this yeare Principally about ye Peter and ye Slowness of Conveyance from Hugly when at last it arrived thither, you now haveing what thought Convenient to lade on you, wee order you immediately to repaire on board your Ship the Bengall Merchant and to

weigh your Anchor and Sett Saile bending your Course with y^e^ best of your skill and Judgement for y^e^ most Speedy attaineing y^e^ Port of Madrass, where you are to repaire on Shoare and Carry our Generall Letter to y^e^ Hon^ble^: Governour &c^a^ Councell and to follow their orders for your farther disposeall.

In your way up you are to touch at Metchlepatam with yo[ur] Ship there to take in what goods the Commissioners there have orders from y^e^ Said Hon^ble^: Governour and Councell at Madrass to lade on board you we wish you a good Voyage and Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN
SAM^LL^ HERVY

The 28 December y^e^ like dispatch was given mutatis mutandis to Cap^t^ Thom^s^: Andrews Commander of y^e^ Cæzar and to Cap^t^ George Erwin Commander of y^e^ new London.

ÿdem MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN
SAM^LL^ HERVY

M^R^ JOB CHARNOCK

Respected ffriend &c^a^ BALLASORE 4^TH^: JANUARY 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Wee have received yours of y^e^ 13 and 26 Novemb̃ of y^e^ 7^th^ & 12^th^ of last month w^ch^: we had answered ere now but that we have bin fully employed in dispatching y^e^ Europe Ships, y^e^ Bengall Merchant Saileing out of this Roade y^e^ 25 ultimo and y^e^ Cæzar & new London y^e^ 29^dto^: late all of them as to y^e^ time of y^e^ yeare but early if Consider y^e^ great Stops.

Wee note that y^e^ Dutch troubles are greater then ours & what they have paid for onely getting their Ophium from Pattana, we hope ere this arrives that y^e^ King will have ordered the remaineing part of y^e^ 1200 Rup^s^ you paid y^e^ Princes Duan, to gett y^e^ Saltpeter thence to be repaid you, Wee had followed your Advise in applying our Selves to Shausteh Caun about our troubles in Pattana but he being turned out and wholly taken up about his own affaires we Could never meet a good Oportunity for that or any other business we had depending at Decca, the Duan at Decca telling us at last before the Nabobs Duans face, that till we gett the Kings Phirmaund that we must pay y^e^ Custome of 5 ℔ Cent at the Mint though y^e^ new Nabob Comeing So Suddenly downe, there is nothing done about that or our other maine question whither we must pay Custome in Bengall or not, onely Reynundelol y^e^ Nabobs Duan advises us that to y^e^ time the old Nabob Set out off Decca w^ch^: was in y^e^ beginning of last month there was noe answer Come from y^e^ Emperor about us.

The 11 receipts for y^e^ 3000 Rup^s^ piscash at Hugly we have not found yet pray advise us what time you Sent them thence.

The Coppies of your bookes for 167$\frac{3}{4}$ we have received and Sent home, beames Scales and paper we Shall bring up to Hugly w^th^: us, & Send you forward we have not what to Say to y^e^ Princes Servants takeing y^e^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Lead and y^e^ Dutches Vermillion away by force but are Sorry they are Suffered by him Such forces being absolutely destructive to trade.

A Coppy of your bookes for last yeare we have received and are glad you gott the goods and Treasure from y^e^ Meirbars Choubootra without opening you doe not write about Sending you up any more Lead or other goods which we desire you to doe that you may be furnished from Hugly accordingly.

Wee are very glad you have gott y^e^ Duans Dustick to trade there that you may be giveing out on Peter we Conceive it may be good Since Azzum Caun the New Nabob is Come into his Government being doubtless now in Decca that we first see what may be done with him on presenting him when if can gett his Phirwanna as of former Nabobs for our free trade we Shall if it be thought fitt be able y^e^ more Calmely to endeavour to gett all Confirmed by y^e^ Nabobs Phirmaund but if he Stopps all till that be gotten then Shall we haveing nothing to doe till that be procured, God ord^rs^ all for the best.

Wee Judge that if y^e^ Dutch Commendore at Dilly have not done much ere Shasteh Caun arrives there that he will prevaile little against him afterwards, his interest being as great amongst those Corrupt officers &c^a^ as his wealth, we are glad you received y^e^ Bill for the 3,000 Rup^s^ paid yearly in Hugly, and hope it may prove effectuall to the end it were remitted you; for which doe pray Send it in againe as also[e] Shaw Shuzas Neshawn for we Shall want it to Shew this new Nabob together with Caun Caun and Shasteh Cauns Phirwannas when we desire his dustick or Phirwanna for our free trade, Amberhafted knives &c^a^ Rarities we Shall bring up to Hugly and Send to every ffactory its Share.

Wee are Sorry ours of y^e^ 16^th^: last month was Soe long on its way from Cassumbuzar to your Residence, we heartily wish you have Seen the new Nabob, of whome we are glad to receive Soe good a Character praying God he may make it good in his Governm^t^: we know not how he may or will order things but we find all places full of troubles, haveing lately from Hugly had advises that the new Officers there (whome we hope this Nabob will Change) threatens to Stop all our business, till gett the Kings Phirmaund what this may turne unto know not but hope wee Shall Suddenly understand haveing 3 daies agoe dispatched M^r^ Reade thither and intending to follow our Selves in 12 or 14 daies more we hope the Treasure is Sold long ere now, and desire you from time to time to advise us what you Shall have further occation for y^e^ Investm^t^: enordered this yeare by the Hon^ble^: Company, we Call not else to mind at ℔sent Save Cordiall wishes for your health & prosperity & Conclude

Your assured Loveing frn^ds^

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDM^D^ BUGDEN
SAM^LL^ HERVY

M^R^ FYTCH NEDHAM &C^A^

Loveing ffriends

BALLASORE 4 JANUARY 167$\frac{7}{8}$

We have now to answer yours of y^e^ 29^th^ Novem$\bar{b}$ and 4^th^ & 14 ultimo and are Sorry thereby to understand that our hopes of a new Phirwanna from y^e^ old Nabob are quite dashed, if you have been Sensible that y^e^ whole business was onely fflumme Raised by your Vaquell, you Should have endeavored to have discovered the truth and when appeared So to have Sevearly Checked the Vakeel for dareing to impose on you in things of y^s^ Nature, to doe Soe againe in things of greater import, we admire y^e^ Emperors answer to y^e^ Nabobs letter Concerning us should not yet be arrived pray God it may be answer of Peace when it does Come to send [a] Vaqueele to attend Shasteh Caun in hopes of his Phirwanna or anything else now he is actually turned out, we with you thinke it unnecessary for if he Could not favour our business ere he left Decca he cannot doe much less afterwards when he has left his place of Command.

Tishaugee the Kings Duan haveing here Shewed us Soe much friendship Should Soe much insist on our paying 5 ℔ Cent Custome at y^e^ mint when at ℔rusinge the Kings order in that Case, we Can find noe Such thing there but rather that none are to pay any Custome its not unlikely but that Raynundelol (who Spoke in our favour to him) not being friends might make him threate us in this affaire but we hope to have a better result both of this and our Maine Concerne in Bengall from y^e^ new Nabob

who according to all advices [Long ere] this must be arrived in Decca whome you may (if not already done) visit with 7 or 9 Mohurrs and 15 Rup^{s} and make our excuse to him that we did not visit him at his passing by at Rajamaule in that we were all gone downe, it being the exact time of y^{e} Moosoone at which time onely the Ships Can goe away hence and that he did not know y^{t} he would have Come Soe Soone, other great Umbrahs not makeing Soe much way in 3 months, as he he has done in little more then a month alsoe you must add that we are Comeing now up to Hugly whence Shall Send to present him, and desire his favour to our business under his Government as y^{e} Prince Sha Shujah and other Umbrahs had done before him, if he demands a Sight of our former ꝑwanna you may Shew him y^{e} attested Coppy of that which was got out before y^{e} troublesome business of y^{e} demand of Custome felluponus all other papers as Sha Shujahs Neshawne you may tell him are in y^{e} Cheif factory and on his order Shall be Sent him, to all this you may add or diminish from it as you in your own discretion or Consideration of things there shall find most Convenient, though y^{e} less discourse be used about our trade untill we Can appeare with a Present there we Suppose y^{e} better.

Wee take notice that Mathew Shepard had delivered y^{e} ffactory remaines to M^{r} Fytch Nedham alsoe that there are Rup^{s} 3,980 in Cash your Diary for y^{e} month of November have rec^{d}: & Sent forward with the rest to England.

Wee observe that Nabob Shausteh Caun left Decca the 8th: last Month and as before mentioned Suppose Auzzum Caun our new Nabob was not long ere he arrived thither.

The Bengall Merchant Sailed out of this roade y^{e} 25th ultimo and y^{e} Cæzar and new London y^{e} 29th: d^{o} God Send them well about y^{e} Cape being very glad however it may please God we Shall escape this yeare that yet those Ships are gone though Somewhat late wth what goods we had got ready for our Masters acco^{t} this Season we much feareing especially when their Saltpeter was Cast ashoare at Meirdapore that we Should never have gott y^{e} goods off y^{e} Shoare howerly on this Change of Governm^{t} expecting Stopps from your residence we are

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDM^{D} BUGDEN
SAM^{LL} HERVY

M^{R} EDWARD LITTLETON

Respected ffriends BALLASORE 4TH: JANUARY 167$\frac{7}{8}$.

Wee have received yours of y^{e} 23: & 27: Novemb̃ and of y^{e} 14th: ultimo, the 22 bales and ballet of raw Silke and y^{e} two & twenty Chests of Taffaties fine, we received y^{e} Saltpeter alsoe all of it (Blessed be God) Came at last Safe into hugly y^{e} next morning after which, M^{r} Vincent departed from Hugly to Ballasore

Wee are glad you have Sold those 4 Chests of ꝑ^{rs} & returned 30,000 Rup^{s} of y^{e} money to Hugly, y^{e} receipt of w^{ch}: there alsoe we have understood the Invoice of your goods amo^{t}: 70739 : 11$\frac{3}{4}$ we have received our hurry here at Shipping them on board haveing but one man on board of y^{e} Comp^{as} Servants to Looke after it has occasioned Some mistakes w^{ch}: hope to rectify at more Leisure on our returne at Hugly; we are Sorry you Could not Comply with our quantity enordered of red & yellow ordinary Taffaties and hope that though it was late ere you gave out money on them it was because you had wanted money Sooner to give out money on them and not from any, neglect of yours what last (we heare) Came downe to Hugly Came too late all whose markes must be altered about w^{ch}: we Shall agree, and give you more ꝑticuler directions from hugly finding that Soe great diversity of Markes as are generally made with you give us much trouble occationing great Mistakes at Shipping off and drawing our Generall Invoices here.

Wee have found the Generall Bookes in great Confusion Soe that for want of time have been forced to Send them home unballanced but hope God giveing life & health to rectifie all acco^{ts}: therein and to make eaven all diffirences betwen y^{e} Subordinate ffactories and Hugly, where Shall alsoe draw out all Invoices wanting or imperfect and Send to y^{e} Severall places aforesaid the Shoomake and fine Sope you write for (your letter) Comeing in y^{e} heat of business being on dispatch of y^{e} first Ship we forgott to advise home about or y^{e} Barrell of Sope proveing a Cask of Cuchaneall but Shall not omit it next yeare, however desire you what you Shall want of this Kind for y^{e} future that you would advise in a paper apart Signed by your Diers which Shall be in that nature Sent home to y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Company Seacole these Ships were but Scarcely provided withall Soe that we Could get none its possible had your advise Come Sooner about it as we desire may next yeare we might have prevailed with y^{e} Commanders to have parted with Some on promise of receiveing as much at y^{e} ffort.

Your bookes of Acco^{ts} &c^{a} papers we have received and they are Sent forward to y^{e} Fort & England. Assoone as we Can meet at Hugly which hope will be in 20 daies more we Shall Compute our quick Stock, goods, &c^{a} and enorder your full proportion by which time alsoe Shall have heard Something from y^{r} new Nabob at Decca and be able to take Some aime thence, as to what may and may not be done this yeare in these parts, in y^{e} mean time Since Silke is forbidden to be Sent to Guzarat we beleive y^{t} y^{e} P[ic]ars rather then Sit Still will be induced to engage to deliver us in about 300 Bales of Raw Silke by the end of february we makeing Some Such engagement as this Viz^{t}, to take it of them if according to muster and that we will pay them their money in full within Such a time (Suppose a month or two) after y^{e} date of their Contract, and in Case we should not pay it them as agreed, that then from that time till paid to allow Interest, Some Such way may be used we recommend to your discretion being very willing to Secure as Considerable a ℔cell of this bund of Silke (being the best of y^{e} whole yeare) as we Can.

The weavers we Judge you must put off and give them out as little money as possible you can these times being very uncertaine and you know if a Stop Should be laide on our busines as we have much reason to feare that there will, a great part of that money in the weavers hands, (who are generally knaveish and have onely from hand to mouth) may prove bad debts, after wee have heard from this new Nabob at Decca we Shall be able to give you fuller ord^{rs}: in y^{e} matter.

Wee had once hopes from Decca y^{t} Nabob Shausteh Caun would give a new ℔wanna but it Seemes it was but a flamm, for y^{e} Ray has Since told us it Could not be and Said noe longer agoe then y^{e} beginning of last month, that y^{e} Emperor had written noe anwer about our paying Custome or not in these par[ts], If we Can on presenting this Nabob get his Phirwanna and penned as our last good one was we Shall then Since we have orders for it find better leasure to attempt for a Phirmaund from y^{e} Emperor a little time more will Shew us what we must trust unto) Wee Remaine

Your assured Loveing ffriends

MATT^{s}: VINCENT
EDM^{D} BUGDEN
SAM^{LL} HERVY

The Bengall Merchant Sailed hence y^{e} 25^{t} Ulto the Cæzar and New London y^{e} 29 ^{dto}: God Send them all Safe about y^{e} Cape to England

Idem M : VINCENT
E : BUGDEN
S : HERVY

Mr Edward Reade &c.

Respected ffriends Ballasore 4th: January 167$\frac{7}{8}$.

Your Sevll Generalls dated ye: 11th: 15th: 18th: 19th and 26th: of last month have recd but not answered untill now being at more leasure at ye Europe Ships departure,

The booke of Charges Generall for Hugly factory we recd and Sent home as alsoe Decca Diary which you handed to us we wonder when you laded 800 baggs of ye Peter on ye Sloope Arrivall that you did lade noe more than 200 Dto on ye Sloope Ganges who is full halfe the burden of the former and ought to have had halfe as much as the other.

Wee approve of your paying off what Standing out at Interest on our Masters accots with you and of ye Rups 30000 newly arrived from Cassumbazar at Mr Reads Leaveing ye place where by this time wee hope he is againe arrived, we note that you have received Rups 1000 of Herridass on lead formerly Sold him

The Pattana Generall and bookes accompanying we received and Sent ye latter forward, ye bills of Ladeing for ye Sloopes alsoe Came at last but find Some mistakes which we hope Shortly to rectify ye Invoices of Romaulls and Mullmulls alsoe received wth; 2 Small boxes of Musters of Cassumbazar Taffaties, after which what goods you have or Shall receive from thence or any of ye inland factories pray let be Carefully housed, we hope in 20 daies more to be up at Hugly with you in ye interim Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts Vincent

Edmd Bugden

Samll Hervy

The Bookes of Accots for Last yeare wch Mr Reade forgott behind him in ye office here we have Sent by this Cossid now being more Sudden and Safer then by sea desiring him to be rectifying them what he Can ere we Come in order to ballanceing them and begining new ones, which are too much behind hand

Idem Matts Vincent

Edmd Bugden

Samll Hervy

Mr Richard Edwards &c.

Estemed ffriends Ballasore January 18th: 167$\frac{7}{8}$

This yeares Accots with the towne Merchants here being made up and their last yeares remaines (Occasioned by leaveing on their hands a Considerable ₰'cell of Sannaes) as ₰' the Severall Bills leaveing with you we order you to proceed in receiving of ye Said Merchants Nillees, Ginghams Romauls and hummums at prizes Vizt Nillees head of yr 1st: Sort 4r: 2a:—Nillees head at 2d Sort 3r: 8a ₰' peice Ginghams head Rups 2: 12a ₰' ps Romauls Cashare head at 5: 12 ₰' ps Romauls Radaugur or Chaudurcome at 4r: 12a ₰' ps and Hummums head at 4rs: ₰' peice the belly and foot to be prised according to their differing more or less from ye head Musters of Nillees Ginghams and hummums are left with you the Romauls you may make a muster out off the ₰'cell Come in of each Sort and thereon proceed as on ye other Musters there are alsoe a ₰'cell of Mullmulls but they Seeme very deare on which accot we Carry one peice of them to Hugly where Shall Set a prize on them according to their goodness and order you to take them if ye Merchants Shall be willing to part with them at ye rate you Shall Judge them worth: what Shall after all remaine due from them you are to advise us, & demand of them in ready money.

Wee leave you here and order you to act as Cheif of this factory till further orders from us or y^r^ Agent and Councell at ffort S^t^ George, for your assistance in y^e^ warehouse we leave M^r^ George Peacock what remaineing there appeares in an Acco^t^ of ℔'ticulers we herew^th^ deliver you, and for writeing Coppies &c^a^ leave George Perrin, we allow Viz^t^: to M^r^ Richard Edwards 25 rup^s^ ℔' m^o^ M^r^ George Peacock 15^rs^ ℔' d^o^ George Perrin 12 Rup^s^ ℔' month, M^r^ Smith if remaines here[is] to have 20 rup^s^ ℔' m^o^ diett and if M^r^ Hall (Should Come downe) he is to have 25 Rup^s^ ℔' m^o^ for his diett allthough we have here prescribed your allowance for diett yet we would have you to diett together or at least we order you that you all diett within y^e^ ffactory & not abroad at any house in towne, M^r^ Edwards his accommodation is ordered where it is with y^e^ addition of the next Roome M^r^ Smith may lodge where he lately did, M^r^ Peacock in y^e^ fourth Roome Geo: Perrin in y^e^ third Roome from y^e^ Office, M^r^ Hall (Should he Come downe) let be lodged in y^e^ first Roome from y^e^ Office the next Roome to y^e^ Office let be kept alwaies empty for an entertaineing Roome of Moores Dutch &c^a^ Strangers, the Studdy and Cellar at y^e^ end of y^e^ house let be kept empty for a writeing Roome an Accommodation of y^e^ Cheif when he Comes hither, the keyes of all the rest of the Roomes and of the Office let remaine in Auldwaids his Custody, we earnestly recommend to your keeping good orders in y^e^ factory, and that there be publick prayers morning and Evening alsoe let there be an exact Diary kept Coppy bookes of Letters Sent & rec^d^ and Invoice booke besides your bookes of Acco^ts^: y^e^ Charges Generall till this factory be Setled which expect this Shipping at furthest will be done we order you to keep the Warehouse remaines as del^d^ you receipt taken for them, the which you are to deliver to M^r^ George Peacock takeing his receipt for Said what household Stuff & Stores we have thought fit to leave in this factory as delivered you of which let an Acco^t^ be kept for Servants in this factory both within doores and without as alsoe writers, Herrechurne y^e^ house broker and the Durbar Servants to provide, and their Mirda Cheif Peon Gwallers to Stand in 6^rs^ ℔' m^o^ Gwallies for y^e^ Pallankeen a Cooke and a Scullian a Butler and a Cahar a Compradore and Hollolcore a Chubdar a Tent man and Gardiner M^r^ Edwards is allowed for his Servants 6^rs^ ℔' m^o^ as Cheif M^r^ Peacock 3 as warehouskeeper, and within the above mentioned allowances we order you to keep a watchman or Gurraees you may alsoe keep as usuall the new Nabob of Orixa is on his way and is expected in 10 daies here whome you must visitt and present according to what usuall as ℔' a paper of ℔'ticulers left with you according to y^e^ Last of which you are to procure another from the Nabob we have left in Cash with you 1156 Rup^s^ and in 7 daies more Chimchams Sonn will pay you Rup^s^ 2000 more which is y^e^ Ballance of his acco^t^ on lead Sold him we enorder you to be very frugall in your Charges Generall presents &c^a^ what you Shall find absolutely necessary to be presented to this Governm^t^ you may present.

There are 12 bales of Nillees viz^t^ 4 belly and 8 foot each qts 20 ps which were prized by M^r^ Bugden but embaled too late that they Could not goe on these Ships by which meanes they remaine behind these you may take at rates as then prized which y^e^ broker will informe you off and what will be Still remaineing due from y^e^ Merchants receive in Such goods and at those rates as above directed.

Chimchams Sonn owes on Sz Received (he haveing paid you Rup^s^ 1156) rup^s^ 2000: 4^a^ Juragne Shaw on d^o^ 2076:4 and Bicara Shaw rup^s^ 1020:12, this they have all promised to pay in 8 or 10 daies at furthest w^ch^: pray accordingly demand and receive of them adviseing us thereof that we may take order Concerning the disposeall of what Cash is more at ℔'sent necessary for their factories occations, we Call not else to mind but to wish you good Success and Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT

EDM^D^ BUGDEN

SAM^LL^ HERVY

Mr Richard Edwards &c.

Respected ffriends Hugly Jany: 31: 167⅞

The 26th: in ye night Mr Matts Vincent arrived hither two daies agoe a Mogull Sent hither by Sultaun Auzzum Came to ye factory to treat about brass Gunns and desired us to write to Ballasore to See if we Could procure Some there from ½ to 2 pounders Concerning wch we have inclosed writt to Chimcham to enquire for as we alsoe enorder you to doe and to agree on a price and Send them up on ye first Sloope bound thence hither, but we Limit both yourland Chimchams enquiry to two daies when if not to be gott then both he and you write us answer accordingly.

The Merchants broadcloth Shall Come downe assoone as our Accot of ye Warehouse is Setled here and if they have a mind to buy any goods as Broadcloth Copper tin Red Lead white Leade Vermillion quicksilver &ca let them Signify the quantity they will take of each and it Shall be Sent downe but we would willingly they Should take of all Sorts a proportion lead, and all that Soe we may Send of what possible ere ye next Shipping arrives.

The peice of Mullmulls belonging to Ballasore Merchants is not yet looked on to be rated it Shall be done and Sent you ℔ the next that Soe you may be receiveing Said Sorts of Goods of them if they prove Content with ye Price on Accot their remaine, Calling nothing else to mind at present we Rest

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts Vincent

Edwd Reade

Edmd Bugden

Samll Hervy.

Mr Edward Littleton

Respected ffriend Hugly 1st: ffebruary 167⅞

Our last to you was dated ye 4th last month yours of ye 3d: & 15 do month have received ye former wth: ye 5 Chests ordas: Taffaties and 2 Bales of raw Taffs which we are Sorry Came Soe late for their amot Shall give your ffactory Credit Rups 7808: according to your Invoice received.

Wee note ye manner of ye New Nabob of Orixa passing by Muxodavad he drew nigh Ballasore ere we left that place (being ye 18 ultimo) and we Suppose our new Nabob of Bengall has now been for Some daies in Decca though we doe not undrstand that he mett with ye old Nabob Such persons Seldome desireing to See one ye other in the Circumstances they are now in, we heare ye diffirence betwen him and Boolchund is long Since accomodated.

On these 5 boates in Charge of Anthony Smith your dier and 5 peons we have Sent one Bale Cont: 6 ps Scarlet (haveing no fine green) and Some toyes for presents, the Scarlet if it be more then you Shall have Occation for part of it may hereafter goe for Pattana there alsoe Comes ten Chests of ℔rs all amo as ℔ Invoice unto Rup 86723: 2as: 4pice for which you are to give this factory Credit, the Warehouse of this factory is now delivering over to Mr Bugden which done we Shall dispeed what is your proportion of goods as alsoe to Pattana &cas, we would advise you for reasons given in our Last to be Spareing in giveing out money till Shall understand how this Nabob will deale with us our next worke now being to fit up a present for him and to dispeed Mr Hervy to Decca to him and we intend to advise Mr Charnock &cas

that they Send up an able Vaqueel with Nabob Shausteh Caun to Court by whose meanes we hope to procure a Phirmaund to Confirme our priviledges in these parts, we Call not else to mind at ℔sent Save that we are

Your very Loveing friends

MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN
SAM^{LL} HERVY

M^{R} EDWARD LITTLETON

Estemed ffriend HUGLY 7TH ffeb$\tilde{}$: $167\frac{7}{8}$

On twenty Small boates you will receive fifty great timbers Cost Rup^{s} 65 and 63 Cooreas or Small timbers Cost 15^{r}: 12^{a} their Charges from Ballasore amo^{t}: to 45 Rup^{s} and from hence 75 Rup^{s} y^{e} remaineing Small timbers to make up 130 p^{s} by you desired Shall follow in a day or two assoon as we Can get Conveyance for them.

Wee remaine

Your Loveing frinds

MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN

M^{R} JOB CHARNOCK

Loveing ffriend &c^{a} HUGLY 9 FEBRUARY $167\frac{7}{8}$

Wee are here given to understand y^{t} Nabob Shasteh Caun is advanced in his way to Hindostan as far as Mungeer Soe that he will nigh assoone as these be with you in Pattana, we hope long ere this you may have gotten ready an Able Vaqueele to be Sent to Court and we Judge if he goe with this Nabob up and by Some Small yet handsome present make himselfe by meanes of it and Raynundelol knowne to y^{e} Nabob as alsoe the reason of his proceeding desiring his favour and assistance that it will not be difficult to procure y^{e} Kings Phirmaund this being y^{e} greatest and most powerfull Umbraw in y^{e} whole Empire and on Acco^{t} of our Last present made to him Something obliged to favour us in y^{s} ℔ticuler to this day we doe not heare that any answer has Come from y^{e} King about our paying Custome in these parts So hope to heare noe more of it from aloft, tis reported for Certaine that this Nabob goes up to be Visier to this King w^{ch}: if Soe we Can apply our Selves to none but him who best knowing us and our present Circumstances and being So neer y^{e} King can best answer our desires, we Shall be getting things ready for a present to Send to you, but we feare till gett this new Nabobs ℔wanna nothing will pass to you by Ragamaul in Such Case this thing must be effected wth: money which we leave Recommending it to your prudent Manage, to be done wth: all imaginable frugallity, in two daies more M^{r} Hervy is Setting forward wth a Present to Decca for our new Nabob to whome we wish good Success, y^{e} Princes Neshawne Sent you hence by M^{r} Reade we wrote for long Since but have not received it pray if not already done Send it away immediately with all Phirwannas receipts and Persian papers Sent you hence or from Ballasore for we Shall now want them all, we have not else to add Save that we are.

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN
SAM^{LL} HERVY

Mr Richard Edwards
Loveing ffriend

Hugly 9 Feb: 167$\frac{7}{8}$

You are to deliver Chintamunne and Colleaun Ray their Share of Broadcloth ordinary $\frac{2}{3}^{d}$: of which is to be red & $\frac{1}{3}^{d}$: green of the lowest price for they had none delivered them this last yeare

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To Chintaumunne	426 at 3 : 10 ℔ yard	... ...	1544 : 4
To Colleaunray	206 at 3 : 10	... ...	746 : 12
		Rupees	2291 : 00

And Send hither by ye Ketch Mary three Bales of ordinary green Broadcloth Wee Remaine

Your loveing ffriends
Matts Vincent
Edwd Reade
Edmd Bugden

These peons have Recd: each 1 Rup on their wages and Soe did that, yt went last hence wth: whome being 3 ℔sons pray Accompt accordingly the peons Names are Ebraim Caun Noor Caun and Sheck Nasseeb.

Sr: we have inclosed Sent you a Coppy attested by ye towne Cozzee of ye Nabob ℔wanna by you desired wch Suppose may give Satisfaction else we Shall next Send. ye Originall we hope you have visited this new Nabob of Orixa and got his ℔wanna wch: Should be glad to have Confirmed we adviseing in yours of ye 28th ultimo you were prepareing to meet him

ÿdem Maits: Vincent
Edwd Reade
Edmd Bugden

Mr Sam ll: Hevy
Sr

Hug ly 11 Feb: 167$\frac{7}{8}$

All things being now got in readiness wch: we thought Convenient for a present to this new Nabob of Bengall Auzzum Caun as alsoe Severall goods being Shiped off with ye Present for Sales at Decca all amounting as ℔ Invoice deld you to 36532 Rup: 4a: 2p the Gold alsoe being included we desire you alsoe to proceed there with and on your first Arrivall thither to acquaint your Selfe with ye best time and way of makeing the Present for our Masters best advantage according to which you may draw up two Persian Letters in the Cheifs Name the one to ye Nabob ye other to his Divan or Cheif Minister insisting a modest excuse of our Soe long delay by reason of our distance at yn Bundur whence after dispatching of our Shipping we Could noe Sooner arrive hither &ca as you Shall find most proper & requisite on ye Place.

The Gold as alsoe yn Goods for Saile we order you to put off and Sell as Soon as you can and from time to time to give us advice thereof that assoone as yn Nabobs ℔wanna is procured we may give you orders how to dispose of your Cash & to Supply you further hence what we Can in relation to ye enordered Investmt in Decca ffactory.

The Present for y^e^ Nabob we think fit to be thus Viz
ffine Scarlet 2 p^s^
Course Scarlet 1 d^o^
ffine green Cloth 1 p^s^
Violet Colour Cloth 1 d^o^
Sky Coloured d^o^ 1 d^o^
Broadcloth ord^a^: red 13 peices
D^to^ Green ... ... 7 d.
Looking-glasses of 40½ inches pare 2 p^s^
D^to^ in frame of 28 ... d^o^ ... ... 1 p^s^
An English Clock
An Arabian Horse
One paire of Silk Persian Carpetts of 11 Covets long & 4 d^o^: broade
One paire of rich Embroydered Silke persian Carpets of 6 Cov^ts^: long and 3 Covets broad
Crimson Velvet 10 yds
Green d^o^ 10 yds
Silver and Gold Lace and Severall rarities you may give according to your discretion of which and of the rest of y^e^ peices you are to Send us an Acco^t^ assoone as ℔fected

The Present for y^r^ Nabobs Duan or Cheif minister thus viz^t^

ffine Scarlet	1 p^s^
Broadcl^o^: ord^a^: red	3 p^s^
D^to^ green	2 p^s^
Looking-glasses of 28 inches	1 p^s^

About 20 or 25 yd^s^ of y^r^ Silver and Gold lace and Cloth toies &c^a^ to him and the Severall under officers as you Shall find a necessity to present of all which as aforesaid you are to give us Speedy & punctuall advise, The Arabian horse being at present Somewhat out of Case by reason of travaile from Ballasore, and long and hard Voyage on board Ship we Shall detaine here about 20 daies longer and then Send him forward however you may put him into y^r^ noate of ℔ticulers you present y^e^ Nabob withall and give this reason why he Came not along with you when you present the horse, you must agree to pay y^e^ Officer that presents him to y^r^ Nabob Something that he may not (as it is Generall if Such persons are not prepared) be discommended & disestemed by the Nabob.

Wee herewith deliver you Coppy of y^r^ Prince Shashujahs Neshaun Nabob Cauncaunnas ℔wanna as alsoe Nabob Daud Caun w^h^ Nabob Shasteh Cauns procured in y^e^ yeare 1669 but there is a better procured in y^e^ [yeare 1672] whose Originall we Cannot find Supposeing (as you must answer at Decca) that the Originall of that and the Princes Neshaun and of Shasteh Cauns ℔wanna are Sent to Pattana to y^e^ Present Prince there from whence if y^e^ Nabob urges it we will procure them, but if you find that by these Coppies of the Princes Neshawn granted in 1672 our business may be done you need Shew noe other they being all more Strictly written in y^e^ drawing out of our new ℔wanna (which we hope you will gett) by a Summe of money of 2 or 3 or 400 Rup^s^ in which we enjoyne you to be frugall yet not Soe as to Starve the business in Case you find it feasable to y^e^ Officers that pens y^e^ ℔wanna if you Can gett those words (according to y^e^ Kings Phirmaund) Changed into these words according to y^e^ English use and Custome in Bengall) it will be of great importance to y^e^ preservation as well as Continuance of our Masters priviledges in these Countries especially if we Should be Soe unhappy (which God forbid) as not to be able to procure this Kings Phirmaund for their Conformation.

Wee order you to Send us weekly advices from Decca and oftner if Occation require it and monthly your Diary and acco^t^ of Cash apart alsoe we order you to keep good orders in Decca ffactory as prayer moning and Evening &c^a^ as Specified

in y^e^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Standing directions Wee Call nothing else to mind at present but to wish you good Success and a good Voyage to Decca whither we would have you to proceed with all Convenient expedition and Subscribe

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^d^ READE
EDM^d^ BUGDEN

In all y^e^ promises you are to proceed with y^e^ advice and Concurrence of M^r^ Fytch: Nedham hee being of Councell with you in Decca

All Persian Letters you write in y^e^ Cheifs Name pray Send us true Coppies off

ÿdem M: VINCENT
EDW^d^ READE
EDW^d^ BUGDEN

M^R^ JOB CHARNOCK

Respected ffriend &c^a^ HUGLY 13^th^: FFEB^Y^: 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was dated ye 9^th^: Currant to w^ch^: refer you the 11^th^ at night (the Same day M^r^ Hervy parted hence with a Present to Decca) came a Phurwanna from y^e^ new Nabob importing that wh[ereas] there had lately come a Phurmaund from y^e^ King to Shausteh Caun y^e^ old Nabob enordering him to receive 2 ℔ Cent of y^e^ English he now gave order to his Amin here to take Said Custome of us here and write y^e^ Same to Ballasore So that till we Can get his ℔wanna which we much doubt off, our business is wholy Stoped in the Place, it does now therefore much Concerne us to endeavour to procure a new Phirmaund to doe which we doe Suppose the way we propounded to you in our last of y^e^ 9^th^ present may be very good not questioning but you have a good Vaqueel ready in order thereunto, or if you Shall find any better meanes we leave it to your prudence enjoyning you to leave noe good meanes untied whereby a Phirmaund may be gott and our Masters priviledges here retrived without which you as well as we are very Sensible there will be noe tradeing in these parts we Rem^a^

Your very Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS

Loveing ffriend &c^a^ HUGLY 13^TH^ FFEB̃: 167$\frac{7}{8}$

In ours of y^e^ 31^st^: last month we promised to looke upon the peice of Mullmulls belonging to Ballasore Merchants and prize it, w^ch^: accordingly we have done and returned it you being rated by us at Rup^s^ 5: 12^a^ ℔ ps to Rup^s^ 6 rather then faile, according to which you may receive of y^e^ Merchants makeing allowance for what is better or worse y^n^ this Muster what Shall be wanting to ballance their remaines you may if they be Content receive in this Sortment.

Last night arrived a ℔wanna from this new Nabob on y^e^ Amin here and the like is gone forward to your Amin there ordering till his ℔wanna Comes to y^e^ Contrary that we pay 2 ℔C^t^: Custome According to y^e^ Kings late Phirmaund to Shasteh Caun, M^r^ Hervy is gone hence w^th^: y^e^ present y^e^ 11^th^ Cur^tt^ and we wish him Success in what he is gone about we Call not els[e | to mind Save that we rest

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ JOB CHARNOCK
Respected friend &c^a^ HUGLY 16 FEB̃: 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was of y^e^ 9^th^: and 13^th^: Instant we have now before us your^s^ of y^e^ 24^th^ Decemb̃ & 31 ultimo good Sword Blades are not here procureable, for Since ordinary ones are Such a drug noe man on our Ships brings any at all, all Sorts of things for Presents as alsoe paper & a beame and Scales we were on fitting as alsoe proportioning your factory Share of our Masters goods but are put by all by this new Embarque from y^e^ Nabob which yet we hope his ℔wanna will take off Suddenly and then Shall be Sending all forwards, Beames and Scales—there is none here nor at Ballasore that are worth any thing, 6 of y^e^ 11 Receipts you mention to have Sent to M^r^ Clavell at Ballasore we have found but as yet Cannot light on y^e^ Remainder nor Some other Persian papers we now Shall want we are glad to heare that you doe not meet with any more Stops in y^e^ Peter trade; we hope by y^e^ Sale of y^e^ lead Broadcloth &c^a^ with you that you will be indiffirently Supplyed to Continue that Investment yet least you may want for that and the Vaqueels occations at Court we have enordered our friends at Cassumbuzar to remit you Rup^s^ 20000 by exchangeings w^ch^: we question not but they will accordingly ℔forme the business of y^e^ Kings Phirmaund we earnestly recommend unto you haveing bin pressed unto it afresh by a Gen^ll^: received from y^e^ Agency dated the 11 Decemb̃ received here two daies agoe the which importing little we have not Sent you Coppy off, the Invoice of Rarities Carried hence by M^r^ Charnock last yeare Comes inclosed amo^t^ to 122 ^rup^: 8^a^ for w^ch^: Credit this factory from Cassumbazar we have ordered them to Send you an Invoice of y^e^ Broadcloth Sent up w^th^ the Bullion in August last it being Charged hence to that factory and from thence to you, and you must accordingly Credit Cassumbazar factory for it and the Bullion received and what ever Comes thence to yo^r^ ffactory tis Strange newes you write of the Princes Removeall and Mahmood Acny Cauns Comeing to Bengall time is y^e^ best expositor of those things to which we leave it and Remaine.

Your assured Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

LIBRARY OF THE BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON
Respected ffriends HUGLY 16: FEB̃: 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 7^th^ Curr^t^we have n[o]w to answer yours of y^e^ 16 January w^ch^: Came to hand from Ballasore and of the 7^th^: & 13 instant, the orders for markeing your goods Comes inclosed which we order you to follow what goods lies here Shall begin to be Marked $\frac{9}{4}$ according to this way w^ch^: done Shall alter their Markes in their Invoices rec^d^: and advise you that you may alsoe rectifie them there and follow with Said Markes as directed, in what goods you Shall this yeare Send us downe the figure and Number upon the Severall Sorts of Goods (Chests or bales)

proceeds from 1 to as many as your Severall quantities of each Shall produce, if you find any great inconveniency in this way of Markeing advise us that we may alter it this being done to avoid Mistakes in Shipping off goods for England.

M^r. Hervy left this place the 11^th: Currant w^th: a Present to y^e new Nabob we wish him all Success.

The boates Stopped any where in these parts must we feare ly still untill we can procure this Nabobs ℔wanna for free trade for all our business is embarqued here by order of the Said Nabob Rec^d by the new Governour of this place y^e 12 Currant untill we Shall Shew the Kings Phurmaund or his ℔wanna to y^e Contrary or pay 2 ℔ Cent Custome according to y^e late Phirmaund from y^e King on Shasteh Caun the old Nabob, there Can be noe Such writeing as you mention be given to Cleare any boates whatsoever, y^e Coppy of y^e ℔wanna procured in 1672 have Sent you to Shew unto your Governour we Conceive Shasteh Caun does not proceed Soe fast to Hindostan but that our Vaqueel may overtake him from Pattana ere he reaches Dilly and we have taken order to Pattana much of the Same Nature as you propound by meanes of Shasteh Caun.

Wee approve of your agreeing for y^e Raw Silke & have returned yo^r Muster w^ch: are all of them excellent Silkes y^e Second Sort is very good of w^ch: you may buy what you have occation for there being enough of that Sort to be had.

Wee are glad y^e Treasure &c^a arrived with you in Safety more goods we Shall not as above noted be able to Send you any untill we obteine this Nabobs ℔wanna Soe desire you to endeavour y^e Sale of what you have by you Copper plates are alwaies accounted worse by Rup^s 2: in a maund y^n Jappan Copper pray Sell y^e plates for the best price you can gett, we admire the Barrell of Tin proves Soe unrequestable with you it was formerly a great Commodity and Chosen before any other Sort in that place we have Sent Some to Decca and if on receiveing the Nabobs ℔wanna we find it vends there Shall order it thither.

Wee Suppose ere this you have disposed off y^e 10 Chests Treasure lately Sent up to you and doe order you as soon as possible to remit Rup^s 20000 by Bill Exchange to Pattana for Supply of that factory both as to Stock, and for procureing the Kings ℔ maund, if y^e ℔: Should not be Sold we question not but you may immediately procure bills for y^e Said Summe on your delivering its amo^t to y^e Merchants in R^s⅞

Two or 3 daies agone there went up 67: Small timbers for Coon [*two letters lost*]^s Cost at Ballasore 16^rs: 12^a theire Charges hence 21^rs: 2^a theire Charges from Ballasore hither is included in what Sent you y^e 9^th: Currant hence Soe that 50 great timbers and 130 Small d^o amo^t with Charges to Rup^s 242: 10^a for w^ch: pray give this factory Creditt.

The Broadcloth that was Sent up to Pattana (together w^th: y^e Treasure) on y^e 29^th: August last was not Invoiced pray draw out an Invoice of it at 13^ll: 10^s ℔ Cloth entring it Soe in your own bookes and at Pattana they may doe y^e Same Soe that blanks may be filled in each and if any error be we Shall rectifie it assoone as can Come to find it out intending to make it one of our greatest businesses to doe what we can to y^e reconcileing all diffirences in Acco^ts in all y^e factories of Bengall we Call not else to mind at present Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^S VINCENT
EDW^D READE
EDM^D BUGDEN

M^R SAM^LL HERVY &C^A
S^rs

HUGLY Y^E 21 FEB̃: 167⅞

Wee with these may take You Safely arrived in Decca and Serve onely for advise that y^e old Congoe Ramjibbon Rays Son Narraine Ray goes this day by order of Auzzum Caun to Decca and Carries with him this ports records for 20 or 30 yeares

past he was with us and desired us to write to you to Show him what Civility Shall ly in your way we have Obliged him in Case you Shall find any good may be done thereby to tell y^e^ Nabob if asked what our Masters priviledges have been in these parts ever Since, we have traded hither and you as you See occation may put him upon it by James Price or how you Shall thinke fitting alsoe you may if you find it may be usefull tell y^e^ Nabob the reason of our Comeing to this Sickly Countrey as being invited from our Port of Armongon about 45 yeares agoe to protect y^e^ Port of Ballasore against y^e^ Deanes who then robbed all Ships there and that we Came on Condition of haveing the Same priviledges as had and have at Metchlep^m^ that is Custome free &c^a^· that he may order his Amin in Ballasore to enquire of y^e^ Zimadars Ancient Merchants &c^a^· inhabitants of Ballasore the truth of this &c^a^ of this Nature as you may find requisite, and withall you may note that we Came into Bengall before y^e^ Dutch did and therefore had more favour Showne us which Continued under y^e^ Prince Shaw Shujah Chan Chaun Daud Caun Shasteh Caun and hope will not be discontinued by him, we have bin all Stopped ever Since the 12^th^: Currant and Soe are like to Continue till a Phirwanna be procured from this Nabob which pray hasten what you can.

Wee have written to M^r^ Charnock three times earnestly pressing him to try all things possible to procure this Kings Phirmaund and propounded to him the Sending a Vaquell who Should principally apply himselfe to Shausteh Cawn by y^e^ Ray by whose meanes we hope to obtaine our ends and we have hinted in our ℔ticuler that if a down right bargaine Can be driven with y^e^ Ray on delivery of an Authenti[c]k Phirmaund to pay him a Certaine Summe for his and his Masters use that it be done out of hand in y^e^ letter to James Price there is Coppy of Auzzum Cauns Sons ℔wanna for Orixa w^ch^: if See requisite you may likewise produce we expect to heare from you as Soon as you Shall ℔ceive how affaires with you are like to goe, we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^
S^r^

HUGLY 21 FEB̃: $167\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 13^th^: Currant Since which we have Received yours of y^e^ 6^th^: & 11^th^ ditto: y^e^ former with the Gen^ll^ Letters &c^a^ pap[ers] from y^e^ Agency the other with an attested Copy of Mahmood Salle Cauns ℔wanna for y^e^ Kingdome of Orixa which we are glad to understand you have procured we are Sorry you Could gett noe gunns for y^e^ Prince we have advised y^e^ Droga what answer you have returned in that matter. The Merchants Broadcloth went hence some daies Since in a ℔ticuler Sloope how much and of what Colour they are to have you will See in ours of y^e^ 9^th^ Inst: to which refer you, we would willingly (as knowing when we had brought our goods from Ballasore hither the Merchants would Come too though they held off while we were in Ballasore) now Send you on y^e^ Ganges the goods you desire but by reason of y^e^ Stop laden on us y^e^ 12 Ins^t^ till can procure Auzzum Cauns ℔wanna for our free trade againe we Cannot Send you any nor had you the goods there Could you well vend them, we wish you meet with noe hindrance in delivering y^e^ Merchants Cloth now Sent you downe, we wonder Mirza Wooly proves So troublesome, he will now be quickly out of power (though possible Still in office) as soon as your Ameen can setle there for Soe is Mellick Beriam here and then he will molest you noe further) M^r^ Reads Sloope Comeing up thence empty pray lade y^e^ timbers for y^e^ Arrivall and y^e^ iron worke on her, as alsoe the Capenters tooles and Send away the Carpenter alsoe, the Accompt of Warehouse remaines and factory stores have rec^d^: but noe Chaires tables &c^a^ mentioned therein, when we Came from Ballasore M^r^ Vincent on M^r^ Edwards his Speaking what you now write bid

him bring a Pallankeen to y^e^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^ Accompt for himselfe which we now Confirme for Horses or other Conveniences of Carrage though when y^e^ factory is Setled they are of absolute necessity yet till we See how our Masters affaires are likely to goe in y^s^ grand Crisis of them we Shall wave furnishing you with any more Since Six months we hope will put all things out of doubt and their priviledges be better Roled then ever, we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^
Loveing ffriend &c^a^ HUGLY 23 FEBRUARY 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was dated ye 16^th^ Currant we have Since rec^d^ yours of y^e^ 18^th^ ditto and note that y^e^ timbers and part of y^e^ Coreas are arrived with you by this time hope the rest are alsoe got up their Acco^t^ we Sent you by our last.

Wee take notice that you have Sold part of the Treasure lately Sent you and hope the rest may ere now be disposed off we Should be glad to understand that you had remitted the Rup^s^ 20000 to Pattana, pray Send us a Transcript of y^e^ Invoice of Treasure and Cloth Sent you last we wish you much health and Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

Accompanying this Comes Bulleisaw Chutturmulls Gomosteh bill for 1650^rs^ acco^t^ lead Sold hime he has paid 1000 Rup^s^ y^e^ rest recover According to his Contract

ÿdem MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^
S^rs^ HUGLY 1^ST^ MARCH 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 23 ultimo Since which we have rec^d^: none from you this Cheifly Serves to accompany eight Chests of Treasure amo^t^ to Rup^s^: 67719: 1^s^ as ℔ Invoice w^ch^: we Shall to morrow remit you by land with what advices needfull hence Wee Call not else to mind Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

Mr Edward Littleton &c.

Srs Hugly March 2d: 167⅞

Wee wrote yesterday by boate haveing Sent in two Oolaucks eight Chests of Treasure for Acco.t our Honble. Employers amo.t as ℔ Invoice inclosed to Rups. 67719. 1a. for which you are to give Hugly Acco.t Currant Creditt this Treasure you are to Sell or otherwise dispose off as you Shall find Safest and most for our Masters advantage and being Converted into Cash to keep Safe by you till ys. Nabobs ℔wanna be attained and we have liberty for our free trade as formerly when Shall give order Concerning it, we Call not any thing else worth ye. adding any thing further, Save that we are

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts. Vincent
Edwd. Reade
Edmd. Bugden

Mr Samll. Hervy &c.

Srs Hugly 6 March 167⅞

Our last to you was dated ye. 21st last Month we have now received yours of ye. 24th do. month which we Shall answer asscon as heare againe from you this Comeing with ye. Arabian Horse to be ℔'sented to ye. Nabob the Meirahcore horsekeeper &c. have recd.: as under Specified we wish him Safe to you and Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Charges Sending ye. Nabobs horse to Decca Vizt.

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Meirahcore	... 1 mo. wages	...	3	:	–
Horsekeeper	... 1 mo. wages	...	2	:	8
Grascutter	... 1 mo. wages	...	2	:	–
Two Hired peons	... ...	...	6		
Way charges for whose expence ye Meiracore is to accot.: wth. you,			20	:	–
–			33	:	8

Matts. Vincent

Edwd. Reade

Edmd.: Bugden

PS If the Meirahcore and horsekeeper Shall want each a month Wages at their returne you may allow it them ye. former at 3rs. ye. latter at 2rs. ℔ month

ÿdem Matts. Vincent
Edwd. Reade
Edmd. Bugden

Mr Edward Littleton &c.

Loveing ffriends Hugly 8th March: 167⅞

Our last to you was of ye. 2d Currant wch. day received yours of ye. 27th last month wherein are Sorry you meet wth.: Soe much difficulty in remitting ye. Rups 20000 to Pattana as enordered we hope ere now you may have accomplished it.

The barr tin is most requestable in Ballasore the Merchts.: there Chooseing it before ye. block or Barrell Tin if ye. Barrs will not goe off with you we Shall order it thence to Pattana assoon as our Masters business in these parts is once Cleare

Wee note your remitt of Bulleisaws Bill and you Shall receive the 650 Rups. due on it

The Broadcloth (out of which you Sent in August last to Pattana) was, 30 halfe peices 20 d° red and 10 green qt y^e^ former 430 yd^s^ y^e^ latter 214 d° and rated with Charges in our bookes at 1348^rup^ 5⅓^a^ and was Sent hence to you the last of July 1676 what of it or any other you Sent to Pattana will we Suppose appeare by your Coppy booke of letters which questionless mentions y^e^ quantity Since you were then ignorant of y^e^ Price for want of an Invoice we Shall write to M^r^ Edwards to Send you up the warehouse booke he Carried w^th^ him and doe order that hence forward a Register of ditto be kept in your factory not to be removed with the Warehousekeeper to prevent y^e^ like inconveniences for y^e^ future. Chimcham &c^a^ Merchants have alwaies one yard on each halfe peice allowed them for Wormeaten &c^a^ damage and if you Cannot well avoyde it you may allow your Merchants the Same & if possible put of those Cloth Rashes to them alsoe, we Call not else to mind, at present Rest

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ JOB CHARNOCK &C^A^
Loveing ffriends

HUGLY 15 MARCH 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 16 ultimo Since which we have rec^d^: yours of y^e^ 24th: ffeb wherein note what time Shasteh Caun Arrived into Pattana and departed thence towards Dilly & wish a Vaqueel had been ready to have proceeded with his luskur in reference to our present designe of Procureing the Emperors ℔'maund about which we admire you Should thinke we are noe more in earnest but that if we find rubbs in its procury we would give off the Hon^ble^ Company and Agent and Councells orders are possitive in it and in reference to them ours have been soe to you and Coppies of their letters in Said Concerne have been duely transmitted you whereupon we hoped noe doubt as you Seeme to entertaine Could have insued, but Since you doe Scruple we hereby assure you that our resolutions are firme to endeavour to our utmost to procure a Phirmaund and we order you vigorously to proceed in it accordingly, all y^e^ favour we Can hope from this is to let us enjoy our priviledges as formerly till he write to y^e^ Emperor and have his answer about us, w^th^: what it may prove except we endeavour to make it Sure our Selves we are much doubtfull in, wherefore account it y^e^ Securest way to begin (now there are Sufficient orders) at y^e^ root and lay Such a foundation as God willing may not Suddenly be Shaken or discomposed, we are getting things ready for Presents as you desire and if they be not Stopped at Rajamaul we Shall get them we hope (notwithstanding all our trade is at ℔'sent embarqued in this Port) free out of this place however we would not have you delay Sending the Vaqueel to Court that he may be there to Strike while y^e^ Iron is hott, Shausteh Caun being likely to be in most favour at his first Comeing and thereby best able to bring our business to pass he is an old man alsoe and may dye &c^a^, our Ships alsoe may be expected in July and it is absolutely Necessary that this business be Cleared if possible by that time one way or other, this thing being of Soe great weight (as in yours you well observe) we are y^e^ more earnest in it that noe time be lost, what things we Send for Presents may be transmitted up after the Vaqueel to Dilly. We have noe Certaine notice what the Dutch have done at Dilly but there is a report here that they have gott a hushbull hookum from y^e^ King to call M: Cassum (who now is in great disgrace at Decca) to acco^t^: for makeing them Soe unjustly pay So great a Summe of money on y^e^ Death of their Brokers wife & their Vaqueel is gone to Decca as tis Said by Some about that, but we are rather inclined to beleive that tis onely about 36000 Rup. which was their Brokers debt to y^e^ Said Governour for rents of townes by him held w^ch^: Directore Ranst paid on Mellick Cassums keeping y^e^ Dutch Second Prisoner at his house which now is alleaged to be a force used on them Contrary to their priviledges.

Wee are of Opinion that Shasteh Caun may have y^e^ na[m]e and Honour of the Visier at least at his first Comeing to Court though another for Soe long a time as y^e^ King Sees good may be Subsitude to undergoe the trouble as you mention we wish by his or any other good meanes we had a Phirmaund w^ch^ notwithstanding the present unsetledness of this Court would fix our Masters affaires and Should this King dye never So Soone after it twould be noe great Expence on Sight of his Phirmaund to get one of y^e^ Same tenour of his Successor.

Sha Shujahs Neshawn and y^e^ receipt of Rup^s^ 3000 paid in Hugly we have received and are now Sending the former to Decca whence as soone as they have done with it, & we Can have it Shall returne it you againe if you Shall find a want of it which pray advise us, though we are of Opinion that one better worded might be drawn out ꝑ'ticulerly where there is mentioned according to y^e^ Kings Phirmaund it might be altered and made according to y^e^ Englishes use and Custome in these parts this wee recommend to you ordering if it may be done that you would get it effected.

The newes of Bahadur Caun and Buctaur Caun is Strange this King if lives much longer will See the graves of all his old Umbraws and of his Sonns too if they have not a Care, by Sultaun Mozzums feare to appeare before his father in Dilly may be Seen that y^e^ old man keeps Still y^e^ reines in his own hands.

Wee are glad you have got back your Mochelkee againe and hope in due time you will alsoe receive back y^e^ deposited money and when this is backed with y^e^ Kings Phirmaund (which God Graunt our Masters business will be better Setled in this Country then ever your Care and endeavours about which we doe not question.)

A Beame we have Sent you as alsoe paper and quills w^th^ y^e^ Severalls for Presents ꝑ' two Doolies the Surrat bookes Coppy Comes by this Cossid we desire you to get them Coppied againe and returne us these haveing noe other in this factory and want assistance to get them Coppied over else you had received them Sooner, the Invoice of y^e^ Broadcloth is ordered you from Cassumbazar whence it Came to you that of y^e^ toyes is Sent Sword Blades we have none good here Such as we Can procure Shall Come to you a paire of rich horse pistolls with foure Charges each have Sent you if you have occation for a paire of ordinary ones we can alsoe furnish you what other rarities we have in y^e^ factory we have Sent you Some of each, there Came but foure beames out of England y^s^ yeare one whereof is at Cassumbazar another at Decca the third is Sent as abovesaid to you and the last is kept here it being exceedingly wanted assoone as we receive any more we Shall not faile to Send them, in the meane time for draughts of two m^ds^ Some Shift may be made what this beame Cannot possibly effect Some otherway.

Wee had almost forgot to put you in mind that if a Phirmaund may be procured by driveing a down right bargaine w^th^: Shasteh Caun or any other powerfull Umbraw aloft it would be a very good way and there would be no more trouble but to receive y^e^ Paper and pay according to Contract.

The Invoice of Peter you Sent down this yeare as alsoe your Diary and acco^t^ of Cash monthly we have not received but Shall expect, wee Call not else at present but to wish you good Success in y^e^ Premises and to Subscribe

Your very Loveing ffriends

Matt^s^ Vincent

Edw^D^ Reade

Edm^D^ Bugden

M^R^ Edward Littleton &c^a^

Loveing Friend &c^a^ Hugly 13 March 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Wee wrote you last the 8^th^: Currant and have Since received yours y^e^ 8^th^ ditto and are glad the 8 Chests of y^e^ Comp^as^ Treasure arrived with you in Safety we Shall Compare and rectifie all y^e^ mistakes made through hast of business in y^e^ Invoices

you mention both Sent and received, we have the last parcell of Taffaties you Sent down remaineing and it Consists of 10 Chests N° 109 : 110 : 111 : 112 : 113 : 114 : 117 : 118 : 119 and 122 and bales 4 No 115 : 116 : 120 and 121 : these being as you Say mixed goods of head and belly, and y^e^ other Sorts not being likely to reach to those high Numbers, according to y^e^ method proposed each Sort of Goods being to begin with N°. 1, you may begin with what Goods you have now by you and these may Continue the Same Markes as they are, we are glad you have gotten the Sume of Rup^s^ 20000 enordered to Pattana Compleated by bill thither the Accompanying letter to Pattana pray Send away with all Speed by a good tryed Cossid on purpose haveing not else to add we Subscribe-

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^
S^RS^

HUGLY 15 MARCH 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Since our last of y^e^ 21 ultimo we have not heard from you at w^ch^ we admire and doe order for the future that once in 10 daies at furthe[st] you send us Generall Advices by one of your Peons who Shall never be detained here longer then necessary

When the Lilly returnes we Shall want a mast of about 55 foote long She being very much undermasted her present mast may Serve when occation is for a topmast for y^e^ other Sloops a mast of 50 foot will Serve but one of 55 foot will doe better, we understand that Ant: dê Goes has Some good Malacca Masts or if he has not you may meet w^th^: a good one of that length and Send it up by the Lilly who by that time may be with you or any other good Conveyance.

What small Iron Gunns you have in Ballasore that are under the weight of 5$\frac{1}{4}$ pray send us up by the next good Conveyance not exceeding the Number of 30 Gunns the Princes Droga haveing been with us & desired Such a ℔ cell which we intend to Sell him out of what here and at Ballasore haveing not else at ℔sent to add Wee Remaine

Your Loveing friends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

PS What of those Small Deer that are usually got out of y^e^ woods neer you as alsoe what rare birds pray looke out & get for his Majesty to be Sent home ℔ next Shipping according to y^e^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: order

ÿdem MATT: VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

The Lilly Just as we were Sending away these Arrived hither from Madrass bringing y^e^ Gen^ll^ advices from y^e^ Worp^ll^ Agent & Councell, Our Ships being dispatched y^e^ 27^th^: January w^th^ a fresh Gale

Besides y^e^ timbers got ready for y^e^ Sloope Arrivall pray Send us up 12 Timbers fitting to make ribs for Vessells (that is a little bending or rounding the Lilly wanting Some haveing been exceedingly wronged by a Storme She mett goeing up to Madrass Soe that She absolutely wants repaireing

ÿdem MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^r^ SAMUEL HERVY
S^rs^: HUGLY 16 MARCH 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 6^th^: Currant w^th^: y^e^ Arab horse which we hope will Arrive in due time w^th^ you ere that went we had Received a Generall from M^r^ Nedham &c^a^ of y^e^ 24 : of last month w^ch^ we then delayed to answer till Should have an Oportunity which by receipt of yours of y^e^ 6^th^: Currant we attained

Wee admire (y^e^ order for our Stop here arriveing y^e^ 11 last month at night (the news of it three or foure daies before) that at Decca you Should not heare of it till y^e^ 23 following this is a great fault in your Vaqueel which you must endeavour by all means to get mended we being to take our aimes from your timely advices in all things relateing to us from that Durbar.

It much troubles us to find your bad reception by the Nabob and that he Should So forceably take y^e^ Present Sent him without Cleareing y^e^ Goods or Soe much as Seeing you we hope by yo^r^: Seasonable application to Hodgee Zoffee Caun you may yet Come to better termes what letters to be written to him or y^e^ Nabob or any energent (*sic*) occation which will not Soe well brooke delay you have Sufficient orders in the paper of instructions which M^r^ Hervy Carried hence.

Wee approve of those three propositions you intend to make to y^e^ Nabob as to y^e^ matter of Customes but order you never to yeild to the last untill you Certainely See that neither the first nor Second Can be made feisable

Wee have written effectually to M^r^ Charnock to endeavour to procure a Phirmaund for our trade in these parts Custome free if possible and are Sending Severalls for Presents by Dooly to Pattana if Can by any meanes get them Cleare of this Port where all our business is Stopped & whatever Comes in we open (but within our owne walls) ere we Can house it.

The Princes Neshawn we have Sent you least you may want it pray returne it assoone as you have done with it which pray finish as soone as you can being Shall have Occation for it at Pattana where they desire to have it Sent them againe in relat[ion] to our Masters business there

The Phirmaund w^ch^ : God graunt be given us Custome free then there will be noe occation for mentioning any thing further but if to pay Custome twill questionless run as our Surrat ₱maund where we pay all at Surratt and not within land but we Shall write to Pattana that the Vaqueel thence be instructed in this perticuler alsoe.

The 13 Currant the Lilly arrived hither w^th^ : a Generall from the ffort whence y^e^ English Ships were dispatched y^e^ 27 : & 28 January in very good time God Send them well home.

Wee Call not else to mind but earnestly to press you to use your utmost endeavours for procury of y^e^ Nabobs ₱wanna till a ₱maund can be gotten by which meanes we may be able to trade all lying now Stoped and we not esteeming it Safe to give it out to Merchant or weaver till See how this affaire will be determined, we Salute you kindly & Rest

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^: BUGDEN

PS: You must be Sure if y^e ℔ wanna you gett of this Nabob according to either the Second or third proposition you advise us that you intend to make to him Concerning w^ch: we enjoyne you to follow our foregoing order that you gett therein very plainely expressed that the Government at y^e Bundur takes our own entries as he does of the Dutch both for goods imported and exported and that without opening weighing or telling our goods he be ordered to make up his Acco^t, else it will be next an impossibility for us to dispatch any business, the Crossness of a Governor if not piscashed to his mind being at all times but especially at y^e time of y^e Moosoone able to hinder and delay us Soe long as may quite overthrow our trade and occation our Ships to goe hence empty, redress of Such Complaints Comeing very Slowly and lamely too, many inconveniences will accrew if y^s priviledg[e] at y^e worst Cannot be attained and therefore must be Contented for accordingly, alsoe you must get incerted that we are to give a talika or entry of our goods or deposite money ullul hesob for them in reference to Custome in noe place but onely y^e Bundur else we Shall meet with Troubles in all inland factories and places where we either buy or Sell.

ydem MATT^S VINCENT
EDW^D READE
EDM^D BUGDEN

M^R EDWARD LITTLETON
Loveing ffriend &c^a HUGLY 17: MARCH 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Our last to you was dated y^e 13^th: Currant w^th: y^e Pattana advices recommended to a Speedy Conveyance from you thither this Comes with two Dooleys laden w^th: Severalls for Presents to Pattana y^e Gowalles are hired right out but pray Send an able house peon & one or two tilka with him as you Shall Judge Convenient w^th: y^e Dooleys to Pattana your people understanding Rajamaul better then ours doe, and lett them have a little money if you See fitt to Cleare them from that place.

What of y^e Copper and brass panns Sent out for Pattana you Shall have noe occation for your Diers use there pray Sell as you doe your other goods pray forbeare Sending downe any thing on boates hither, in two lately Come though there was onely necessaries we were forced to let them be veiwed though within y^e factory that it might not be taken notice off, not else at ℔sent Save that we are

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^S VINCENT
EDW^D READE
EDM^D BUGDEN

PS: The 13^th: Currant we received Generall Advices from y^e Agency whence y^e 3 Ships Sat Saile y^e 27^th and 28: Jan^ry: last, Cap^t Andrews died y^e 19^th. D^to: month Cap^t Erwin went off very Sick S^r: W^m: Langhorne proceeded on y^e Bengall Merch^t M^r Hervys on the Cæzar M^r Arnold and M^r Ally on y^e London.

After we had finished y^e forgoeing Came to hand yours of y^e 14 Currant and therein take Notice that you have received y^e Rup^s 650 in full BulleiSaws bill for Rup^s 1650 for w^ch: pray give Acco^t: Curr^tt Creditt we now find that y^e Cloth Sent with the Treasure to Pattana was 4 Bales as we Suppose to qt 24 halfe peices according to which advise M^r Charnock &c^a ℔ y^e first Oportunity.

March 19: To this day we have detained these Advices in hopes of Clearing the two Doolies for Pattana but Cannot prevaile Soe that they must ly till we Can find Some Expedient to gett them hence in yours of y^e 16 Curr^tt yesterday received M^r Littleton desireing to Come downe for Some few daies hither Since it will be noe prejudice in this time of Stopp of business we give him licence and wish him a good Journey

ydem MATT^S VINCENT
EDW^D READE
EDM^D BUGDEN

Mr Richard Edwards &c^a^

Srs Hugly 22d March $167\frac{7}{8}$
at night

Our last to you was dated ye 11th: Currant we have now recd yours of ye 9th: which being Stopped at Narrainegur met wth: a long passage hither, the Broadcloth you may deliver ye Merchants assoon as their trouble is over as alsoe prize those remaineing goods from them as formerly enordered, we are glad you have Secured Rogerams debt, we Can find noe other Phirwanna here Save what Sent you there will be noe occation for it now Since all our business is Stopped till we Can procure Auzzum Cauns Phirwanna for our free trade wch: is endeavoring to be done.

The timbers and Iron worke is we understand Come on ye Sloope Mary as alsoe Rups 3000 but it is very light money Soe that ye rest when Send any will be better to be Changed by bill if you can meet wth any Oportunity as Some times happens between this and that place the Carpenters are not yet arrived, the two bales broadcloth Come but Cannot gett it ashoare without paying of Custome Soe it must remaine a board, pray Call upon Jeurauz for ye money on Accot Royalls Sold him tis Strange he is Soe backward to pay, if any Oportunity offers pray Send up 20 or 30 of ye smallest Iron Gunns the Company have there the Princes Droga wanting Soe many your Severall papers as mentioned in yours we have Received and Remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends
Matts Vincent
Edwd Reade
Edmd Bugden

Mr Job Charnock
Loveing ffriend &ca Hugly 28: March 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 13th: Currant Since which day we have Severall times endeavored to gett Sevlls: for Presents out of this place to you but have proved unsuccessfull nor Could prevaile with our Governr here to lett any thing pass unless would open all and let a broker make price that Soe ye Accot of Custome might be made up ye wch: we thought not Convenient to agree to and Soe ye Sevlls: ly Stopped in this place.

Enclosed have Sent you two letters lately recd: from Decca whereby you will ꝑceive in what a bad posture our Masters priviledges are there and if remedy be not Suddenly Sought and applyed like to Spread thence all over these parts and therefore we againe in ye Honble: Compas: name press and Strictly enorder you to endeavour the Procury of a Phirmaund withall ye expedition ye nature of y affaire will beare, ye Vaqueel we hope is long Since gone to Dilly that he may be there as Soone as Shasteh Caun we desire your orders to him may be plaine and possitive by which we hope in due time a Phirmaund may be gott from the King which is ye onely remedy now left us for our present troubles assoon as we Can gett our things for presents Cleare we Shall Send them to you in ye meane time you must make as good Shift as you can haveing not else to add we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
Matts Vincent
Edwd Reade
Edmd Bugden

Mr Samll Hervy &c^a^

Srs Hugly 28: March: 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 16th: Currant wherein answered yours of ye 6th: Currant and gave what orders then found necessary in ye ꝑsent Exigency of our Masters affaires with you have now received yours of ye 16: do

Wee have pressed Mr Charnock very much earnestly to endeavour the procury of ye Kings Phirmaund without which we have told him that our Masters priviledges in these parts will never be Setled and we this day intend to write to him againe to ye Same effect and to Send him Copies of your last and this Generall that he may Judge in what predicament we Stand endeavour a remidy accordingly, money we have remitted and things for presents we have prepared but we Cannot get them Cleare of this place nor unlade our Sloopes the goods being kept there on the Governors here demanding Custome of all according to his Masters Phirwanna Sent him (which arrived here ye 12th: of last month) till we Can Shew another ₱wanna to ye Contrary which we had hopes we might had done or had an answer by this time but Since notwithstanding all your endeavours you Could not prevaile for one we must acquiesce till you can gett a ₱wanna or we a Phirmaund from ye King the which as we have pressed Mr Charnock &ca to gett effected Soe we Cannot but earnestly recommend to you to try all good waies to gett a new Phirwanna of this Nabob that our Masters business may not lie imbarqued as now it does, and you must be Sure to take Such Care in ye pening of it that our engagement to pay Custome (in Case we Cannot procure the Kings ₱maund for our former priviledges) be restrained to Hugly and Ballasore or if you Can to Hugly onely else we Shall be Certainely troubled in all inland places whence we fetch our goods and there will be Continuall Stopps on boates passing with Goods betwen factory and factory.

Assoon as ye Hurry of your trouble Shall be over we expect Coppies of all papers you give to officers in Governmt: the which the more you can decline with any Convenience the better though what ye necessity of the Honble: Companies affaires drive you unto we approve off and among them the paper you gave about the Custome as Such you did very well in not letting the boates be emptied and goods opened and weighed &ca for when our own entries will not pass for what goods we import or export (especially if we Come to pay Custome) we Shall never be able to drive a trade in these Countries.

Wee are very Sorry for the difference arisen between ye Nabob and the Kings Duan whereby as you hint our broadcloth lies Still at the Custome house, the Nabob haveing turned out all ye Kings Duans Officers there and placed of his own Soe that you have new ones to deale withall, we feare alsoe this will Cause a delay in ye procurie of the Nabobs Phirwanna which is of bad Consequence to our Masters trade which lies Stopped till that be attained, Concerning the Present appointed for the Nabobs Duan, we leave it to you to dispose off, Soe as may be most for our Masters advantage yet Caution you to See that you doe not absolutely disoblige him neither except it will be noe harme to our Masters affaires there.

If you find a necessity for the Reasons you mention to build a Small Bungalah at Kidderpore there to waite on ye Nabob and to lie at night in the Journey being to great to goe and Come in one day we give you licence to doe it but withall frugallity that can be,

Wee wish you had framed and Sent a letter Sooner to the Nabob as if it had Come with the Present it Could we Suppose have done noe hurt notwithstanding the Nabobs Rapatious way of Ceizing on ye Present it Selfe. We wish the letter you intended Since may produce ye wished effects, if nothing be to be done with ye Nabob or if he doe prove favorable in both Cases you must keep in with ye Kings Duan whose writeing to ye King may doe us good or harme as he is inclined, and possibly may helpe to bring our business about that way. We must leave it to your Cautions and prudentiall Management Soe to act in all Exigencies of our Masters present business as may be most, (according to your best Judgements) for its well proceeding of wch: Shall not want approveall from us.

Rammissur Ray the Congoe of this Port is Summoned withall the Zemmindars of these parts to Decca and accordingly proceeded hence thither ward Some daies agone he was with us a little before he went and desired (though he is a man needs noe money) if he Should have occation that we would write to you to let him have Some the[re] which we order you accordingly to let him have not exceeding but as much under as you can ye Summe of Rups: 1000 and that you Shew him Civility,

the Summe you lend him pray take a Bill of Exchange for Charged on his Brother Bassadeeb Ray here and payable at 5 or 10 daies Sight which if he insists on may be a month you may tell him we will Stay Soe long after accepted ere demand it but desire it may run for noe longer time then 10 daies as aforesaid, we Call not else to mind Save that we are

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN

M^{R} JOB CHARNOCK
Respected ffriends

HUGLY MARCH : * : 1678

According to our last of y^{e} 13 Currant we have Sent you forward two Doolies with fine Cloth Rarities &c^{a} amo^{t} as ℔ Invoice inclosed to Rup^{s} 1603 : 5 ^{an} : 3 ^{pice} : for w^{ch} : pray give this factory accompt Currant Creditt they had Come Sooner but were hindred by our Governor our whole trade lying now under a Stop, and little or nothing to be hoped for from Decca, the Nabob there haveing forced our Piscash out of our boates ere landed therefore hope on receipt of our last you immediately dispeeded the Vaqueel to Dilly and that these ℔ticulers will follow him time enough nothing but a Phirmaund can now for ought we See Secure our Masters priviledges of this we Shall write you more freely when we heare againe from Decca in the interim desire and order you not to be Slack in endeavoring y^{e} procury of a Phirmaund, bot! we and you haveing had plaine & Sufficient orders about it, wee Remaine

Your Loveing Friends

MATT^{S} VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN
EDW^{D} LITTLETON

PS Aprill 1st :

This was ready long Since to have gone towards you with the Doolies of rarities &c^{a} but till this day Could not get them Cleare and then were forced to acquaint the Governour that there were things on y^{e} Doolies for to present y^{e} Prince and it was accordingly inserted in the Dustick two beames we have now Sent you Scales you may make there.

ÿdem M : VINCENT
E : READE
E : BUGDEN
E : LITTLETON

M^{R} : GEORGE KNIPE &C^{A}

HUGLY : 1ST APRILL 1678

Wee received yours of the 29th ultimo with the Pattana Advices Invoice of the Broadcloth to Pattana herewith, an Invoice of y^{e} Bullion went therewith formerly as ℔ advise to Pattana from Cassumbazar dated y^{e} 29 August last appeares and Soe you may advise M^{r} Charnock &c^{a}, what of those things your Buxie desired we Shall Send by M^{r} Littleton who arrived hither y^{e} 30th : last month.

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These two Doolies pray Send forward immediately to Pattana with two good house peons who understand how to gett them Cleared at Rajamaul and one peon ticka, the peons that accompany Said hence pray returne hither, the Gowallies are hired to Pattana take Care to dispatch all without delay it much importing y^e^ Hon^ble^: Company that they Suddenly gett to Pattana, being Sundry things for presents aloft we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MAIT^s^ VI[N]CENT
EDWD READE
EDMD BUGDEN
EDWD. LITTLETON

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^ HUGLY 2^D^ APRILL 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 22^d^: ultimo Since which we have received yours of the Same date.

Wee Shall not want a mast for y^e^ Sloope haveing got one from the Dutch here but pray tell Ant^o^: dê Goes we are much beholding to him for proffering a mast of 50^foot^ for Rup^s^: 150 those 12 timbers for reparation of our vessells you may let alone being we Shall with what we have here make a Shift.

Those 22 Iron Gunns be Sure to Send up ℔ first Oportunity and 6 more of y^e^ least weight next to them.

As to y^e^ price of y^e^ Mullmulls Sent downe you may if the Merchants are much discontented allow them 5^r^: 14^a^ or 6^rs^ but if you can well avoide it doe it not we have referred y^e^ Merchants to our orders to you, the Ginghams of y^e^ Merchants which M: V brought up with him we Shall looke upon prize and Send you downe, the goods the Merchants may be goeing in hand with for our expected Shipping are Ginghams Nillees Casharre Romauls and Hummums not else at ℔sent we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

P.S: The Nabob makes a demand here to See the Horses pray therefore Send us word who has bought horses of M Pitt and how many are Remaineing

ÿdem.
M: VINCENT.

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^.

S^r.^ HUGLY 7^TH^: APRILL 1[6]78

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 2^d^: Currant Since which we have received yours of y^e^ 30^th^ ultimo, we are Sorry you have not been able through your Merchants troubles there to make an end with them and finish their Accompts if a ℔wanna Comes for our paying Custome at Ballasore it will be to little purpose that Nabob Shasteh Cauns ℔wanna on Mellick Cassum be Sent he is now in great disgrace at Decca all the whole Country being by the Nabob warned in against him how he will Come off we Cannot tell, when your Gover^o^: Shews a ℔wanna demanding on Acco^t^ as you write it will then be time to answer in y^e^ meane time put him off, w^th^ befitting and delaytory answers, we hopeing in few daies to procure a ℔wanna from

Decca and afterwards God willing a Phirmaund from Dilly we are glad Jerauz has paid part of y^e^ money oweing on ℔ and hope ere this y^e^ remainder is recovered y^e^ light money what will not pass here in ordinary expences must be returned you but hope to make a Shift w^th^ : it.

The Princes Droga here has Sent us word that he has procured 4 brass gunns more at Ballasore if any one delivers any to you pray receive them and Send them hither ℔ the first Oportunity.

The peice of Gingham Heirasaw delivered ℣ : at his Comeing from Ballasore and has been adjudged at 3^r^ : 4^a^ or Rup^s^ 65 ℔ Corge and accordingly you may acquaint y^e^ Merchant, the peice is not Sent downe by land in respect of our present Stop, but assoone as y^e^ way is open it Shall be Sent you, we Call not else to mind Save that we are

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ : READE
EDM^D^ : BUGDEN
EDW^D^ LITTLETON

M^R^ : RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^
S^rs^

HUGLY 22 AP^LL^ 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 7^th^ : Currant Since w^ch^ : we have rec^d^ yours of y^e^ 10^th^ Ditto, y^e^ 22 Iron gunns if you meet an Oportunity Send them up as alsoe y^e^ 6 others otherwise they must remaine till Some vessell goes hence, the Princes Droga is now returning with what gunns he Could get here to Pattana.

Wee wish your Merchants troubles were over both in respect of makeing an end of their depending Acco^ts^ : which we hope they may find an Oportunity to doe and you must press them to this month being the enordered time of Shutting up this yeares Acco^ts^ as alsoe to Come upon Some agreement for goods for our expected Shipping, the Ginghams lying here can hinder noe agreement with Heirasaw if he will give that Sort in at y^e^ rate as we last advised you for ready money, that is halfe Nuggurd and halfe goods at a ready money rate for we must alwaies engage y^e^ Merchants there to take off goods as usuall onely with this diffirence to give noe more y^n^ Market price.

The bill you drew on Soonderdas &c^a^ we have rec^d^ : gott accepted and duely paid for w^ch^ Shall give Ballasore factory Credi[tt] you may goe in hand to provide wax &c^a^ : packing Materialls it being now the Cheapest time for y^e^ Goods intended God willing for England this Shipping alsoe get things ready for repaireing the Bancksaul at y^e^ point of Sand but lett y^e^ Gusty weather be over ere you begin least you have it to doe twice in this and all other matters of expence pray be as frugall as possible you can we note what you write Concerning y^e^ Carpenters here which you Sent up and Shall account with them accordingly assoone as any vessell goes hence we Shall Send you downe Some inck out of our Stores here which are but Small of that Sort, your Diary and Cash Acco^t^ : we have received it will then be time to fitt up y^e^ Pinnace Advice when our Europe Ships Shall Arrive and not before in y^e^ meane time if She remaine in y^e^ Dock it Can doe her little harme being a very unproffitable useless vessell.

Wee want planck timbers Spikes &c^a^ for our Sloopes reparacons here and find all to Come out very Deare in this place [all w]^ch^ : we understand are to be had at Moderate rates with you giveing out money on them at this time, which therefore we order you to doe according to y^e^ list enclosed which recommend to your observance and that you give out money to Secure ℔sons.

There is nothing done in our Pherwanna at Decca the Nabob haveing been for Some time Sick and not appeared in publike but we daily expect advises with good knews thence haveing not else to add we Rest.

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^{S}: VINCENT

EDW^{D}: READE

EDM^{D}: BUGDEN

M^{R} EDWARD LITTLETON &C^{A}.

Loveing ffriends: HUGLY 1ST MAY: 1678

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 1st: ultimo Since which we have received yours of y^{e} 16 & 28 d^{o}, we are glad by the former to understand that M^{r}: Charnock &c^{a}: had Received Rup^{s}: 20000 remitted them from you, though from M^{r} Charnock we have noe advise of it, Suppose through forgettfullness, we take notice of y^{e} Safe Arrivall of M^{r}: Edward Littleton and y^{t} most of y^{e} Tannee or raw Silk you had given out in Novemb$\tilde{}$: bund was Come in, we Cannot expect it haveing been very hott and dry for Some months that March bund Can be Comparably good or great as it allwaies is when Seasonable Showres fall[s] as usually they doe but have this yeare failed, yet there not being any likelyhood of many Byers we hope you will be able to gett in y^{e} greater quantity the bund of July allwaies falling out as you well know Course and ill Coloured.

Wee very well approve of your delaying to give out money to your weavers till you Can inquire into y^{e} Nature of their Severall Losses by the late great fire (which we are Sorry for) af[ter] which it will be Convenient for y^{e} first to give out money somew^{t} Spareingly by the weavers Complying with which you will y^{e} better ℔ceive whome you may trust and whome not, y^{e} Copie of the Consultation that Clause respecting your factory Investments we have enclosed Sent you attested.

Wee are very glad y^{e} Doolies with Severalls for Presents are passed Rajamaul and hope they may Come in good time to proceed with y^{e} Vakeel M^{r} Charnock &c^{a} advise they have provided to goe to Dilly in persuance of y^{e} Kings Phirmaund to this day we have noe advice from Decca of a ℔wanna nothing be Concluded for us there one way or other Soe that we have not yett been able to advise to y^{e} Coast.

If you find a necessity you may presᵉnt ffazoola Begue with what is Convenient &c^{a} Officers under him useing all that frugallity which y^{e} Nature of y^{e} thing will beare.

Pray Send us the ℔ticulers and amo^{t}: of Charges Merchandize of y^{e} treasure 14 Chests we Sent you hence y^{e} 30th August last [w^{ch}] Arrived y^{e} 3 or 4th Septemb$\tilde{}$ thither.

Yours of y^{e} 2^{d}: & 8th last month requireing little of answer we Say y^{e} less unto onely to mention their receipt.

Invoices of y^{e} Sev^{lls}: Carried up hence by M^{r} Littleton Comes inclosed amo^{t}: to Rup^{s} 225 which give this factory Creditt for wᵇ Call not else to mind at ℔sent rest

Your very loveing ffriends

MATT^{S} VINCENT

EDW^{D} READE

EDM^{D} BUGDEN

Mr: Job Charnock
Loveing ffriend &ca

Hugly 1st: May 1678

Our last to you was dated the 1st: last month we have by us your Sevlls of ye 7th: and 18 March as alsoe of ye 6 ultimo we are glad you had received the Bills for 20000 Rups remitted you from Cassumbazar we have Since knews thence that you have received ye money as alsoe that you have brought ye broadcloth Sent you up in August last to Accot at 48rup ℔ ha: peice which is very well Since if there be need we can hereafter assoone as we are got forward here reconcile all diffirences abroad Wee are glad you have procured an a[b]le Vakeel and that he will be ready to depart Suddenly our Sevlls: for presents &ca we heare gott Cleare at Rajamaul long Since and hope may have arrived timely enough to proceed with your Vaqueel, ye Managemt of whome we leave and Recommend to your prudence.

The Dutch here report they have an order for repaymt of ye Rups 190000 paid on their Banians wifes Death and yt Mellick Cassum has agreed to repay 36000 his Share of it but these Seeme to be reports and will then be Confirmed when they receive ye money.

Wee have had a report here lately which recommend to be inculcated at Dilly by ye Vaqueel as he Shall See occation and it is Concerning ye Ground or reason of our being Custome free in all India but Surratt and tis this Shaw Jehawne when he was Prince or Sultaun Curroome passed Severall fortunes or encounters with his father and Brothers ere he Ca[me to] ye Crowne which he gott at last and haveing once mett with an Overthrow he fled and in his way Called in at Surrat where he borrowed 300000 Rups of ye English President whereby paying Somewhat to his Souldiers he recruited his broken Army and in ye next encounter was victorious and Suddenly after his father dying he made himselfe Emperor and after Some time remembring his debt to ye English by his ministers proffered its payment which ye President refused onely desireing that what they traded for all over his dominions they Should not be troubled for nor pay Custome and that they may pay Custome onely in Surratt, that Soe much money was lent Shaw Jehawne Mr Bugden affirmes he has heard Mr Bearblock affirme how ever if this Story may Stand in any Stead aloft it may accordingly be used otherwise let alone.

Your Accot of Cash to ye end ffebry: last we have recd: and ye Invoice of Peter which for ye future we desire may Come with ye Peter boates ghessing at ye neat Cost & Chargeing Soe much ℔ Cent on it as it may Cost withall its Charges which after may be rectified by an entry at makeing up your bookes as we doe in all factories here below,

Wee are much of your Opinion, that if ye King lives your Prince will Suddenly have Bengall it would doe well if ere he Comes you Could procure his neshawne Soe worded as you mention and we formerly advised you Calling not else to mind remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

Matts Vincent
Edwd: Reade
Edmd Bugden

Mr Samll Hervy &ca
Srs

Hugly 3d May 1678

Since our last of ye 28 March we have received two Letters from you which giveing noe advice of anything brought to an head we have forborne answering, ye first Currtt. Came to hand yours of ye 24th: ultimo wherein are Sorry to reade the Nabobs backwardness to graunt us a ℔wanna and doe much feare with you that Gungaram ye Dutch Vaqueel at Decca had a hand (Set on by his own and his

Imployers wonted Malice) in those Informations given against us to y^e^ Nabob however you giveing us to understand that you will make one tryall more with y^e^ Nabob we have forborne writeing away to y^e^ Coast till See by your next letter what may be done [w^th^] the Nabob and this we Suppose we may receive in 3 or 4 daies more or if you have not yet got y^e^ Nabobs finall answer pray press it on So as that we may one-way or other know his pleasur[e] time enough to write to y^e^ Coast Soe as our Advices may ge[t] thither ere y^e^ time that our Europe Ships are usually dispatched thence hither w^ch^: of late has Gen^lly^: hapned in y^e^ beginning of July.

To Send you any thing hence is next an impossibility till a ₱wanna be procured but Suppose we haveing given 21 pottles Canarie for y^e^ Nabob to y^e^ Governour here you will not be troubled any further.

By your last letter of y^e^ 24^th^: rec^d^ y^e^ 1^st^: Currant we understood the Nabobs Sitting out againe and when received it haveing the day before had word from our Governour that y^e^ Nabob had ordered our Phirwanna to be written him on yo^r^ giveing him a Moochelky of y^e^ Same tenour you did to y^e^ Kings Duan we hoped all had been over for Some months but now to our great trouble find our Expectations frustrated as to y^t^ affaire we Can add noe more then as already hinted that you bring it to an issue that we may timely advise y^e^ Agency of our Success therein w^ch^: hitherto we have not been able to doe if on proffer of a Mochelkie as above Said y^e^ Nabob will not give us his ₱wanna we will immedia[te]ly write to y^e^ Coast, and then must Sit Still till [either their orders] Come for our further Actings of a Phirmaund (of which we are in Some hopes) from y^e^ King, againe opens us a way to our [former] Liberty of tradeing, money on Cloth if you find it absolutely necessary you may now give out but withall we advise you to Consider well how it may be in Case y^e^ Nabob Should absolutely denie us his ₱wanna and accordingly you may imprest money to your weavers or withhold your hand, our Sev^lls^: for presents we got hence with much adoe and a Bribe and they are passed Rajamaul Soe hope they will arrive in Pattana in good time to goe to Dilly for our business there, Wee Call not else to mind Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^: READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^

S^rs^ HUGLY 4^TH^: MAY 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 22^d^ ultimo we have Since received yours of y^e^ Same date wherein note y^e^ trouble you have had by the two ₱wannaes Sent on you from y^e^ Nabob of Orixa and y^e^ answer you have returned to them which we well approve off and hope Shall heare noe more of that matter nor of y^e^ business of paying Custome we are now in daily expectation either of a ₱wanna from Decca or a flatt deniall. Wee Cannot but Still press you to endeavour to bring your Merchants to a Conclusion of their Acco^ts^, by Sorting and prizeing what Cloth they have brought in &c^a^ as already advised, we have noe knews here worth adviseing remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT
EDW^D^: READE
EDM^D^: BUGDEN

MR EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^

S^rs^ HUGLY 11^th^ MAY 1678

Wee have received yours of y^e^ 6^th^: present and are glad you hope to Secure Soe much more Silk then you expected of y^e^ March bund

Your greatest Caution is now requisite in giveing out the Hon^ble^ : Companies money to y^e^ weavers wherein we are very Sensible that you Cannot well proceed without impresting Something to their leading men although they may have bin [Sufferers] by y^e^ late great fire, to whome yet you must *one word lost*] [your Daudune] as much as Conveniently you Can & when [in all you have done your best y^e^ Suc[cess] must be left to God], nor Can you in our Opinions be liable to blame when after due Care taken things fall out otherwise y^e^ is wished or expected.

Wee have received y^e^ ꝑticulers of y^e^ Charges Merchandize on y^e^ 14 Chests treasure Sent hence in August last we are Sorry for y^e^ Death of Anthony Smith your Dier and have perused Coppy of his will and Inventory of his necessaries &c^a^ which you may enter there and Sell what you Judge will best goe off at an Outcry and if noe one is willing to buy his Cloths Send them downe hither where they Shall be orderly Sold.

Wee well approve what you have done about y^e^ Investment of China Silke at Seerpore Mercha being very glad you have made y^e^ 30 Bales up 50 according to our Masters orders and hope you will receive them in Accordingly.

Concerning a Present for ffazoola Beague we have already written but he demanding a present at his first entrance into Government is like a Saheb Suba or Nabob of a Province for Such onely we present at first Comeing and Soe he Should be made to understand but to ffouzdars Such as he is we onely present on y^e^ Moonsoone and that if they have been Civill and favored our business the whole yeare through, we leave it to you to manage this Soe as may be most for our Masters advantage and Rest

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^
S^rs^ HUGLY 16 MAY 1678

These are to accompany our packet for y^e^ Coast w^ch^ : hope According to our letter of y^e^ 4^th^ present you have got Patamars ready to Carry away Soe that it will not be detained an howre and pray write to y^e^ Raja of Jagrenaut to pass our Cossids and desire his favour to write to his brother Rajahs in y^e^ way to Metchlepatam to farther our Patamars we Rest

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS
S^rs^. HUGLY 18 MAY : 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 16 with our Packett for y^e^ Coas[t] which we hope you dispeeded away according to our desire yours of y^e^ 9^th^ : present Came Since to hand wherein find y^e^ Merchants of Ballasore promised (though their troubles doe Still Continue) [to Come and Shew their] goods and make up their Acco^ts^ Soe as that they may be entred in your bookes, which must end y^e^ fine last month and doe lie open till we can Send them downe ꝑfected to y^e^ end December last which will Shortly be effected and till these Merchants Acco^ts^ can be entred together with what Goods you Shall now receive from them Cullean Ray hath lately Sent y^e^ Cheif his Acco^t^ but we find it to be onely his Acco^t^ of *1676* without referen[c]e to his remaine of *1675*

Soe we have drawne out his Acco^{t} and Sent you together with y^{e} ℔ticulers of goods &c^{a} received from him, this we would have you Call him and [tog]ether with Herry Churne get adjusted and advise us. y^{e} [Said Cullion] Ray also Sent a bill of debt of M^{r} Walter Clavell deceased for 5400 Rup^{s} desireing y^{e} amo^{t}: may be brought to his Cred^{tt} in y^{e} Companies bookes which you may tell him Shall be done asssoone as we have your answer in this Acco^{t} now Sent, the remaineing due to ballance pray receive there and and this debt being now of long Standing pray let it Come into your bookes for 1677 with y^{e} rest of y^{e} Merchants Acco^{ts} as abovesaid. The Goods to be provided against next Shipping in Ballas according to our Masters last advices thereabout of xber *1676* are Ginghams 10000 p^{s} Nillees 10000 Hummums 2000 and you may advise them to goe in hand wth: Romulls 5 or 6000 peices of Casharree y^{e} Musters you have all with you, and you must agree at a ready money rate which you may better understand there then we at this distance but you must alwaies remember and observe to your Merchants y^{t} they must take halfe money and halfe goods at Market price.

Wee Received news from Decca by a letter from our old Congoe here that the Nabob had given us Seerpaws and ordered o^{r} ℔wanna to be written Soe we expect to have it Suddenly it lying as we Suppose in y^{e} new and hungry Mutsuddies hands till they can be agreed with for their fees. Your Acco^{t} of Cash and Diary for month of Aprill we have rec^{d}: you must take Care to get your intire Diary from y^{e} time we left you Coppied out into double Coppies in two bookes to be Sent to y^{e} ffort and England besides this which you monthly are to Send hither, we note y^{e} diffirence [Y]ou have had with y^{e} Dutch and Suppose [their pragmaticall [C]heif there will have] noe orders hence to use an[y force] [Con]cerning our ground if they doe you must act according to y^{e} present exigent and as a prudent Consideration of our Masters interest Shall dicta[te] to you adviseing us of all that passes with kind Salutes we Rest

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^{s} VINCENT
EDW^{D} : READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN

M^{R} : JOB CHARNOCK &C^{A}

Loveing ffriends HUGLY 28TH : MAY 1678

Since our last of y^{e} 1st: Aprill & 1st: Currant we have received Sometime agoe yours of y^{e} 18 Aprill we heartily wish this Dacca Nabob may not be long lived in his Government in these parts being a most rapatious Covetous man as may be Seen in his forceing our present out of our boates & after Shewing us noe manner of favour for it nor does he tyrannize over [*one word lost*] onely but over y^{e} whole Country whose Zimmendars Congoes &c^{a} Officers have been Summoned up to him & Still remaine Some in Irons all Muzzurbund in Dacca he is onely favorable to y^{e} Dutch who gave him a present of Rups 20000 and promised him more when their Ships arrive and they by Gungaram y^{t} treacherous lying Villian doe us much hurt at Dacca haveing by their Stories informed y^{e} Nabob of y^{e} whole State of our business & Soe exasperated him against us y^{t} we have noe hopes of obteining his ℔wanna, on what terme[s] we Stand with him you will ℔ceive by y^{e} enclosed Copie of a Dacca Gen^{ll} received 3 daies agone to w^{ch}: desire you to be referred as alsoe to y^{e} persian papers w^{ch}: if M^{r} Hervy &c^{a} had Soe managed y^{e} business as y^{t} it had been avoided giveing Such we think it had been very good, Our whole hope now is in y^{e} ℔maund which there is now an absolute necessity for without w^{ch} there will be noe Staying for us in this Country & it behoves us y^{t} we gett it assoone as possible for our whole Investments will henceforth lye Still untill either y^{e} Nabob will prove more favorable of w^{ch} there is little Signe or this ℔maund Comes to give us Countenance againe y^{e} Vaqueel we question not you have instructed to y^{e}

penning y^e^ Phirmaund though it may Cost extraordinary there lying much stress in it & all future graunts of y^e^ like Sort w^ch^ we must have from every Successive Empero[r] will run in y^e^ same words pray let noe Care forecast nor dilligence be wanting in this Concerne of Soe great importance of w^ch^: hangs y^e^ whole trade of Bengal we Shall not urge any further hopeing y^e^ things Sent hence for presents &c^a^ arrived w^th^: you in good time Rest

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ : VINCENT
EDW^D^ : READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON

Loveing ffriends HUGLY 28TH MAY 1678

Wee have rec^d^: yours of y^e^ 22^d^ Currant where in note what you write of Anthony Smiths Necessaries &c^a^ & desire if you Can Conveniently to Sell all his things there or lett them lye a little longer without Sending [*a word lost*] where know not but y^t^ they may be Stopped by y^e^ Chowkies & give us unnecessary troubles here.

Lett all y^e^ hast you Can be made to gett y^e^ Seerpore & all other Silk into y^e^ house least a Stop Should Come on all our business in land as well as at y^e^ port w^ch^: we have great reason to feare & as you may alsoe see by a Copie of a letter lately rec^d^ from Dacca w^ch^: with y^e^ Pattana Gen^ll^ immeadiately dispeed[ed away to Pattana] on w^ch^ Accot: alsoe as well as in respect to what you write Mahmod Moraud or Loll Beague we order you to withhold your Investments till we Can see through this Cloude w^ch^ threatens Such a Storme & be getting in all goods on w^ch^ you have given out money as fast as possible you Can we know not what further to add being full of trouble on haveing soe bad news from Dacca but as we Shall Come to know how things proceed there you Shall from time to time have advice for your Governm^t^ from

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^: VINCENT
EDW^d^: READE
EDM^d^ BUGDEN

M^R^ SAML: HERVY &C^A^

Srs HUGLY 28 MAY 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 3^d^ Currant Since w^ch^: after long expectations (it being 25 daies ere we heard from you) we rec^d^: yours of y^e^ 18 ℔sent wherein we are very sorry to read y^e^ exceeding bad posture of our Masters affaires w^th^ you ℔ticulerly y^t^ you are out of hopes of a ℔wanna from this Nabob we wish after you rec^d^: y^e^ Seerpaws you had applyed your Selfes to y^e^ procury of that wholey y^e^ which must have proceeded from y^e^ Nabob onely instead of getting y^e^ Broadcloth into your possession wherby you fell into y^e^ hands of an Eunuch whose enmity Some how or another is procured to us if the Nabob had denied his ℔wanna (on giveing a Mochelkee) it had been then time to have Sought to Cleared y^e^ Broadcloth, y^e^ termes of y^e^ Mochelkee on w^ch^ are very hard & we desire as before advised you y^t^ you very Cautiously Commence or proceed in Such matters as may engage you to give Such papers Wee [herewith send] you two letters y^e^ one for this Nabob y^e^ other for his Duan wherein we have said what we Can as ℔ y^e^ Copies accompanying the Cheif argument we urge for y^e^ ℔wanna is y^t^ if on our not produceing a ℔maund y^e^ Nabob expects we pay Custome it must arise from goods bought or Sold or Carried out of y^e^ Country now for want of his ℔wanna we Can neither buy nor sell & at y^e^ time of y^e^ Moonsoone Shall not have any goods to pay Custome on but if he will

give a ℔wanna y^{t} we trade as usuall onely not to send to Sea, either from Hugly or Ballasore till his further pleasure Shall be [known] and yt for what goods we import into y^{e} Country we give an Acco^{t} of talika of quan[tities] or quallities we then Can buy goods with, will lie all at Hugly or Ballasore to pay [Custome] or not according to y^{e} Kings ℔maund and of y^{e} Europe goods we import we may pay or not as aforesaid according to our talika given pray urge this & what ever else in y^{e} letters as you may find requisite & leave not off urgeing for a ℔wanna upon Small hopes of obteyning it but Still try w^{ch}: may divert y^{e} Nabob from other Courses of worse Consequence to us then he has hitherto used, & to which he will not from y^{e} Dutch Side want a remembrancer what Gungaram their Vaqueel has done both in dê Soitos business & in this will appeare to y^{e} Agent & Councell by a Copie of yours which we now Send to them for their ℔rusall what you have done Since your last though truely in our Judgements not very approveable yet preseeming you acted according to y^{e} best of your understanding for our Masters interest & y^{t} you may with y^{e} more Courage & Vigour now play your after Game we doe not disapprove [what] you have done but doe Strictly as already hinted Caution you to be more vigi[lant] and Considerate in what you doe of this nature for y^{e} future you being very well versed [at] understanding y^{e} trapanning intregues of these great mens Durbars.

As to giveing out money on Cloth we Cannot think it any waies adviseable while these troubles are over head & w^{e} uncertaine of y^{e} Kings ℔maund w^{ch}: is the onely remedy now left us wherefore we order you to forbeare a while longer & to ma[ke] it your business to attend y^{e} Durbar & though at all times we have done & now doe enjoyne you to be very frugall in all your expenses yet as you will find it in your instructions not soe as to Starve y^{e} business especially at Such a time as this where all lies at Stake & y^{e} Nabob is much exasperated against us, if Custome Should once be insisted on for y^{e} past yeares we have traded in these parts Custome free (y^{e} paper you have given y^{e} Nabob treating of further demands to be made by y^{e} Nabob) it will then be better to have money then goods however to attend y^{e} event a little longer Cannot be we think amiss.

Wee are Sorry y^{e} Comp^{as}: writeing paper &c^{a}, Came to you Soe damaged however order you to make use of y^{e} best of it for all Occations & not this Country paper w^{ch} y^{e} [Cock roaches] &c^{a} eat up in a yeare or two's time, y^{e} Acco^{t} of what paper &c^{a} received by you we ordered M^{r} Littleton to Send you haveing charged Cassumbazar factory wth it & w^{ch} you must Credit, you may leave it in blanck till you heare thence it being rec^{d}: by you this month & to be entred in your [next] bookes y^{e} old ones pray make up & if there be any diffirence in y^{e} last Invoice it Shall be rectified wth: y^{e} other diffirences we Shall find not onely in your bookes but alsoe in y^{e} other factories w^{ch}: in due time Shall be advised you, your Diary especially in Such troublesome times as these we order you to ℔fect daily y^{t} is you must enter y^{e} daies transaction at night least it might be suggested that you frame your Diary entring things a posterior not as they really are we alsoe press you to send us weakly advices whither things be brought to an head or not this delay haveing been prejudiciall in hindring us dispeeding our letters to y^{e} Agency above 8 or 10 daies more then intended in signing all papers obligatory if you find it may be Convenient for our Masters business (otherwise not) & if you Can get time to have our Assent thereto it will be good you insist on it be it onely to gaine time it being we Conceive very improbable we or you Should be able to Comply in time wth: this last Mochelkee or paper you have given & though possibly it had not been expedient for you to have denied to have given Such a paper to y^{e} Nabob when he Commanded it yet it much imports you well to Consider & Compare things least by Such an inadventury as this was you be againe drawn into y^{e} like Dilemma we Call not else to mind at ℔'sent praying God for your good Success in this great business earnestly recommended to your utmost Care & vigilancie we period

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^{s} VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN

Mr Richard Edwards &c.

Srs Hugly 29th: May 1678

Wee wrote you hence ye 16 & 18th Currant by ye former Sent away our Coast packett wch: hope you have Sent as enordered we have Since recd: yours of ye 18th: Dto wherein are Sorry to understand yt ye Nabob of Orixa has given you new trouble on Accot of a yearly present he expects from ye Honble: Company but we hope by the second writeing of your Amin this matter will Come noe more into question.

Wee Shall be glad to heare you had (according to their promise) Come to a Conclusion with your Merchants as for a ℔'wanna from Dacca there are Small hopes the Nabob haveing been Soe informed & exasperated (as Mr Hervy &ca writes) by the Dutch & their vaqueel Gungaram against us yt he has in a manner denyed us his ℔'wanna but we have written Mr Hervy &ca not to desist but as earnestly as ever to endeavour ye procury of one though it be onely to gaine time till ℔'maund may be gotten of wch Mr Charnock from Pattana gives us better hopes in ye interim we advise you to keep as good Correspondence as you Can wth ye ℔'sent Government there and to endeavour to live quietly wch: is all at ℔'sent from

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts. Vincent

Edwd: Reade

Edmd. Bugden

These Letters to ye Coast pray Send away wth:
ye Same Care taken for their passage as
ordered for ye former.

Mr Job Charnock &c.

Respected ffriends Hugly 31st May 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 28th Currant Since wch: Nabob Auzzum Died in Dacca ye news we recd: Just now & Send it you forward if ye Prince be to Come downe you have now time to play your game for ye best Sha Shujahs Neshaun Shall Send you if there be occation pray give full & quick advice of all things necessary that we may here take order accordingly ye Kings ℔'maund pray hasten

Your assured Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

The Nabob died ye 24th Currant Edwd Reade
after 3 in ye afternoone. Edmd Bugden

Mr Richd: Edwards &c.

Srs: Hugly 31st: May 1678

Our last to you was wth a packet for ye Coast ye 29th: Currant this Comes Cheifly with a Genll for ye Worpll: Agent & Councell wch: pray Send after ye packett so as this may goe with it to ye Coast Nabob Auzzum Caun died in Dacca ye 24th Currant at night you must keep as faire wth: Mirza Woolley as you Can but if he be unreasonable advise and we question not but to reconcile him hence & rest

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd Reade

Edmd Bugden

Mr Samll: Hervy &c.
Srs.

Hugly 1st: June 1678

Our last to you was of ye 28th: ultimo yesterday Came to hand yours of ye 25th: do: wth: ye news of Nabob Auzzum Cauns decease & yt ye Duan Hodgee Zoffe Caun began to act &ca we desire you to returne us ye two letters Sent ye one to ye Nabob the other to his Duan Mazareel Moolke both in their baggs as Sent you alsoe assoone as you shall find you may have noe further Occation for them there pray returne us ye princes Neshaun wth: Mozum Caun & Shasteh Cauns ℔wannaes by a Couple of good peons on purpose accompanying this Comes our letter to ye Kings Duan abovesaid whose Coppies is here inclosed whose ℔wanna you must endeavour Spedily to gett & if you Cannot otherwise prevaile you may give a Mochelke to produce ye Kings ℔maund in 7 months (as your former paper given him was written) or else to Comply wth: his Commands to pay Custome according to ye Kings order this ℔ wanna pray gett & Send us assoone as possible we being questioned in all places now for want of one & our business like to be Stopped, if a question arises how an Acct: Shall be kept of our Customes till this time be expired or we produce ye Kings ℔maund for our tradeing Custome free you may desire ye favour yt ye Duan would order ye Buckbunder of this port to take our entries wch: we Shall give him of our goods Sent out of this port up into ye Country & brought downe out of ye Country hither according to wch: an Acct of Custome may be made up but whatever you doe if possible to be avoided order ye business Soe as yt we may not lie at the Cash of our Governo here as yt our boates Should be, to be searched & goods brought ashoare at ye Custome house & there to be opened & weighed for at yt rate it will be impossible for us to trade both in respect of ye great delayes in time of Shipping we Shall meet with as alsoe of endamageing & loss of our Sevll. goods we have not else to add Save yt we are

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent
Edwd Reade
Edmd Bugden

Mr Edward Littleton &c.
Srs

Hugly 3 June 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 28th: May Since wch we have recd. yours of ye 30th do adviseing of ye Death of Nabob Auzzum Caun wch: we had recd ye 31st from Dacca yours not arriveing till yesterday about noone by this Nabobs Death ye face of our Masters affaires is much altered we hope for ye better although we are Certaine it will Occation a fresh Charge to them if any new Governour and greater, if ye Prince as tis ye Genll: vogue Comes to Bengall we doe not much doubt in ye interim to gett ye Kings Duans ℔wanna for our free trade on our paper given him to produce ye Kings ℔ maund in 7 monts time wherefore we reverse our order of ye 28th: ultimo & doe encharge you to give out money on and hasten all ye Honble: Companies Investments belonging to your residence but withall enjoyne you to use all Caution imaginable to prevent any Dammage what you Can wch: may accrew both in relation to your weavers late losses by ye fire as alsoe in respect to any money forced on them by Lol Beague for ye Deceased Nabobs Acct avoydeing these two & what else may occur to you being on ye place we hope our Masters Investments may be now made wth: indiffirent Security & accordingly recommend them unto you we note what you write of your Silke Merchants troubles and hope they are at ℔sent gott Cleare by ye Nabobs Death.

Wee are glad ye Doolies wth ℔sents are arrived at Pattana but advise what is become of ye hired Servants who was to have brought us advise of it Soe long agone haveing not else to add remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent
Edwd: Reade
Edmd: Bugden

Mr Edward Littleton &c.
Srs: Hugly 8 June 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 3d: Currant Since wch: are Come to hand yours of the 3d: & 5th: Dto & hope if we gett ye Kings Duans ℔wanna for our free trade yt by his favourable representation of us & our business to ye next Governour we may not be much endamaged for want of ye deceased Nabobs ℔wanna the 1st Currant we wrote to Dacca (Sending a letter to ye Kings Duan therewith) giveing them orders in what manner to apply themselfes to ye Hodgee for a ℔wanna & pray God they may have Success we take notice you did forward ours of ye ult̃ for Pattana.

As to ye news you give us of ye Prince we are of Opinion tis a mistake for by a letter wch: you Saw & we recd from Pattana of an old date it Seemes to be Contradicted however Shall get a present in readiness for him in Case he Should Come yt soe wee may not miss him as we did ye late Nabob they write from Pattana yt there were Sevlls: missing out of ye Doolie of rarities the Cheif of wch is ye Speaking trumpet & ye tare held out Short pray enquire of your house peion yt went with ye Doolies what Should be become of ye Trumpett kindly saluteing you we Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends
Matts: Vincent
Edwd Reade
Edmd Bugden

Mr Saml: Hervy &c.
Srs Hugly 8 June 1678

Our last to you was of ye 1st: Currant Since wch: we have recd yours of ye Same date & are glad to understand yt you have hopes of prevaileing for a ℔wanna wth the Kings Duan we wrote to him & directed you how to apply your Selfes to him ℔ your last & hope your endeavours will prove Successfull we order you to proceed Carefully & Cautiously in your giveing out money on Cloth in this unsetled posture of ye Country we wish you had Sold your Gold assoone as you arrived there we Suppose ye Prince is not risen but rather in likelihood to be lower now when you Shall Seeme to ha[ve] Some necessity of selling.

Wee have alarum'd here yt ye Prince is to enter Rajamaul in a day or t[wo & it has] been written us from Cassumbazar on wch: we were thinking to Consult to[gether] [& provide] to goe & meet him there but from Pattana we have noe advice but of an old date wch tells us yt Said Prince by much importunity gott leave of his father to Come on hunting as low as Mungeer & it may be on heareing of this Nabobs Death he may have Come on this Side of yt place wch: till we may heare further from Pattana about it all we Can See in it however least ye Kings ℔maund Should Come to him in his hunting & he Should pop in ere we are aware as ye Deceased Nabob did we Shall provi[de] and attend his motion we doe not heare nor think yt if ye Prince Comes he will reside in Dacca but in Rajamaul we desire you to Send ye Neshaun of Sha Sujah to Cassumb and if you have done wth them ye other Originall ℔wannaes however pray Send ye former without faile & if you find a necessity for it take a Copie attested by your Cozzee wch: in all Cases not very extraordinary will questionless Serve we Call not else to mind Save yt we are

Your Loveing ffriends
Matts: Vincent
Edwd Reade
Edmd Bugden

Mr Richd: Edwards &ca

Srs: Hugly 15 June 1678

Our last to you was of ye 31st: ultimo ye 9th present Came yours of ye 29 do on wch we have turned away our lazy Jabeatdar & house Servant being Sorry by their default yt it was ye 26th: last month ere our packett to ye Coast left Ballasore we noat what you write about your Nabobs troubling you afresh about a yearly present but now all is Certainely over by his fathers death.

Thomas Bromley has put in a Charge against Richd: Trenchfeild for over Chargeing things in ye Accot of Charges Genll for overrating ye materialls used in packing our Masters goods & for takeing ℔cells of Broadcloth vermillion &ca: of Ballasore Merchants instead of Brokeage we desire you to give us notice if on enquiry you find any of these things to be true ℔ticulerly Call ye Merchts & enquire whither they did give Richd Trenchfeild any thing on Such an Accot alsoe pray examine ye enclosed Accot of packing Stuff whither they were at ye Price as Charged in October last ye time when they were brought in by Richd Trenchfeild within ye towne of Ballasore pray let us have your full answer in ye [*one word frayed away*] promises we remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd: Reade

Since ye writeing of ye foregoing we recd letters from Dacca wch puts us in great hopes of obteyning a ℔wanna from ye Kings Duan (who is much our favour for our free trade againe

ÿdem M: V
E R

Mr Edward Littleton &ca

Srs Hugly 15 June 1678.

Our last to you was dated ye 8th: Currant we have now recd yours of ye 10 & 11th Dto we note yt you are giveing out money on your Investments & ye Nabobs Govenr: haveing received back his money of ye weavers & returned back their goods you feare ye effects of ye late fire most as alsoe yt your Silk merchants are all returned it will be good yt you send a Vaqueel to reside at Rajamaul or procure one there whose business it may be to give advise of all news & passages you may order him to Send his letters by water wch: will be Soonest wth: you there is noe trusting to Merchts Cossids who often are found to faile when thers most occation we are glad your China Silk is arrived from Seerpore Mercha.

Wee find ye Prince is retired againe to Pattana & we may expect about a month hence for soe long time twill take to make ready ye old palace for him at Rajamaul we are getting ready a ℔sent for him least he Should Come unawares for if possible we would meet him at his first Arrivall pray be quick in your advices & Send away ye Accompanying letters to Pattana by an able Cossid pray give advise to Pattana what you know of ye loss of ye Speaking trumpet &ca ℔ticulers as ℔ our last advised you alsoe about ye 4 Bales of Broadcloth wch: you make 29 they 20 halfe peices that Soe that mistake may be rectified we rest

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd Reade

Mr Job Charnock &c.

Loveing ffriends Hugly 15 June 1678.

Our last to you was of ye 31st ultimo Since weh Came to hands [yours of ye 7th:] do not till ye 8th Currant & yours of 30th do [&] 13 present month we [are glad ye] Doolies of rarities Came in Safety unto you but admire the Speaking Trumpet Should be missing & have writ to Cassumbazar about it & ye rest of the things wanting & thence you will have an answer ye lace being very rich is apt to Contract & was Scant measure when sent hence.

The Prince Came very nigh Rajamaul insoemuch as it was expected from the Govenr that he would have then entred but he is now gone back & we looke for him about amo hence we wish you had gott his neshaun for our free trade in Pattana it might in likelihood have much facilitated of getting one here if it Can still be done pray endeavour it; we are glad you have recd: ye 20000 Rups lately Sent by bill to [you from] Cassumbazar whither we have now written to find out ye mistake in ye [Broadcloth] Invoice & to rectifie & Send it you, your Accot Cash for March & Aprill have received.

Wee recd: letters ye 4th: this month from our Masters of ye 19th: July last from ye president & Councell at Surratt of ye 10th: Aprill & from ye Agent & Councell at ffort St: George of ye 23 last month ye first gives noe news nor Accots of any thing the Ships from hence and ye Coast not being got home but gives full orders & Authority to endeavour ye procury of a Phirmaund Commend to us ye doeing of it wth: all privacy without noise & with as little Charge as we Can but yet Soe Soone as possibly wth: Convenience we Can ye President & Councell at Surratt by order from ye Company give us instructions yt we rather Send up a Native Vaqueel then an Englishman who Can better unobserved apply him Selfe to Some favorite of ye Kings & ye Sooner thereby effect our desires ffrom ffort St. George ye Agent & Councell write yt they are of Opinion yt by Some great mans Interest we may Soonest procure a ℔maund & accordingly direct us to apply our Vaqueel wch: is alsoe our Opinion all wch: recommend to you we heare yt Shasteh Caun is Security for this Prince, & it may not be amiss if your Vaqueel Shall See yt a Phirmaund will take more time to gett out then our this yeares business will beare yt he get Shasteh Caun to write to this Prince effectually in our behalfe we refer it to you Soe to endeavour to handle ye matter as yt our Masters business may not lie Stopped as this yeare it has hitherto tis Noised here yt Shasteh Caun has given ye King a Rowle of all his estate and yt he is made vizier has licence to itt before ye King we think him in many respects unfit to attend ye quick motions of Sevage Calling not else at ℔sent to remembrance rest

Since ye writeing of ye foregoing we recd advices from Dacca where they have given to ye Duana paper according to ye enclosed persian paper &c has taken Copie Sha Shujahs Neshaun to ye Sevll: Nabobs ℔wannaes promiseing to write in our favour to ye King & to Send all those Coppies to him, this pray advise your Vaqueel at Court off yt he may have answers ready & apply himselfe accordingly.

Your Loveing ffriends
Matts: Vincent
Edwd: Reade

Wee think to Send you in a day or two more two letters ye one to Shasteh Caun [ye other to Raynundelol] his Duan to Stand our friends to ye King when he Shall on ye Duans letter Speake of us by all wch: we hope to gett a ℔maund ye more easily a ℔wanna for [our free trade in ye [mean] time we are promised] & hope to gett in a few daies.

ÿdem M: Vincent
E Reade

M^{R} : Sam^{LL} : Hervy

S^{rs} : Hugly 18 June 1678

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 8th : Currant we have Since rec^{d} : yours of y^{e} 7th & 10 D^{to} the great hopes raised in y^{e} former halfe quashed in y^{e} latter letter, as to your doubt in y^{e} matter of Rups : 3000 paid yearly in Hugly tho we Commend your weariness y^{t} we Judge y^{e} Circumstances at ℔sent very diffirent to what they were in Mr Clavells time when he ordered you to gett off y^{e} said present of 3000 Rup^{s} in Case Shasteh Caun would not agree to our tradeing without paying Custome for then our applications were wholey to him & his to y^{e} King in our behalfe but we now have a Vaqueel at Dilly whome we may & Shall direct in this affaire y^{t} if y^{e} King will not give us a ℔maund Custome free y^{t} then he sues for a release for payment of y^{e} 3000 Rup^{s} : yearly present in this port, & this we Suppose you Could never get your Duan to doe nor has he power to release us but by order from the King which order our Vaqueel being there, is, it may be better able by more frequent tryalls of Sev^{ll} : waies w^{ch} : he will find at Court to procure then y^{e} Duan wherefore we order you to take Hodgee Zoffee Cauns ℔wanna assoone as may be and if he will not give it without y^{e} Clause engageing us to make entries of our goods take it with that alsoe onely see by feeing y^{e} mutsuddies about him to gett it Soe well & plainely penned as y^{t} we may not be engaged to opening or Shewing our goods or telauz or Searching our boates for then our troubles will be infinite in this port & then we had almost as good have noe ℔ wanna besides y^{e} Gen^{ll} ℔ wanna we find one N^{o} : 2 mentioning onely y^{e} trade in Dacca y^{s} we doe not Accompt good by any means Since in y^{e} Gen^{ll} : all Bengall & Orixa is included & this will be apt to bring up bad Customes & new peaches or trapans w^{ch} : are what we Can to be avoyded wherefore order onely a Gen^{ll} : ℔ wanna according to No : 1 to be taken out & wi[th]all expedition sent us a great quantity of y^{e} Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : goods haveing laine here already Sev^{ll} : m^{os} w^{ch} : are wanted & would a great part of y^{m} have sold ere this in Cassumb and Pattana Here has lately an accident w^{ch} : we thought good to advise you off a Mallacca Coffree a Reint or Subject of y^{e} Hon^{ble} : Companies at Bombay & Soe noe Subject of this Country Came hither lately in a Ship belonging to y^{e} English from Surrat a Servant of y^{e} Commanders of said vessell he one day in y^{e} open day was minded to wash & because he Could not swim went over y^{e} Ships Side & tooke hold of y^{e} Shoare fast of y^{e} Ship & Soe hung in y^{e} river but growing too bold and endeavoring to goe on Shoare by y^{e} said rope when he Came into y^{e} mid way between y^{r} Ship & y^{e} Shoare by his weight y^{e} ship Came nigher in & y^{e} rope Came downe in y^{r} water [which affrighted at] he let goe his hold & sunk in ten fathome water & was noe more [Seene till the fourth day after] when it being Still water where he was drowned [he floated & giveing annoyance to y^{e} Ship] y^{e} men tyed a rope to his leg or hand and towed him out into y^{e} Streame y^{t} Soe he might noe further disturb them but they not takeing [good] notice it hapned to be [floud^{s} :] of a Spring tide & Soe y^{e} body instead of goeing downe went up y^{e} river & Came ashoare just at y^{e} Meirbars Gaut or landing place where y^{e} water ebbing left him ashoare and those fellows y^{t} Carried him out Cutt y^{e} rope leaveing a part about his leg or arme by which he was taken notice off & y^{e} Mutsuddies here would seeme to make Something of it though he was Seen thus [to] be drowned in y^{e} open day by a great Multitude of people y^{e} fish had eaten him about y^{e} face & neck much which gives them occation to frame he was a rich merchant & for his money had his throat Cutt aboard our Ship & afterwards thrown overboard, we much doubt not but shall quash this here but however thought good you Should be acquainted wth the truth of y^{e} Business if it Should ever be Spoken off at Dacca we Call not else to mind remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matt^{s} : Vincent

Edwd : Reade

Mr Job Charnock &ca

Loveing ffriends Hugly 18 June

The 15 Currant we wrote you last these Cheifly Come to bring you ye two enclosed rough Draughts of letters to Nabob Shasteh Caun & Raynundelol his Duan wch you may peruse & add what you Shall Judge most propper to be incerted & drawing them out faire you may Send them to your Vaqueel at Dilly giveing him orders Concerning them as you on good & due Consideration of all things shall Judge Convenient there is alsoe one thing more then we have hitherto advised to be written to Dilly & yt is in Case ye King will by noe meanes give us a ℔'maund otherwise then on paying Custome yt then our Vaqueel sues to get us released from paying Rups 3000 as we have done all ye time of our being Custome free in this Port we recommend this & enclosed papers to you & Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd Reade

Mr Samuel Hervy &cA

Srs Hugly 21st June 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 18th: Currant wch: day we recd advices from Rajamaul by Cassumbazar yt ye Prince Contrary to all expectations was arrived thither but he would not Stay long there ere he visited Dacca we are intending to Set out hence towards Rajamaul the 24 or 26th Currant at furthest Sooner then wch feare Shall not be able to gett ℔'ticulers for presents ready wth: other Conveniences if ye Prince Should ere we arrive at Cassumbazar be passed Meirdapore towards Dacca we Shall Stay there till we heare from you & if ye Prince makes but little Stay as we Suppose he will not at Dacca we intend at his returne to visitt & present him in Rajamaul there will questionless be a necessity of your appearing there before ye Prince where you may declare yt ye Cheif was on his way to Rajamaul to waite upon him & present him but hearing yt he was gone by to Dacca & yt he would not Stay long there yt he waited another Oportunity at his returne to Rajamaul in ye meane time if by meanes of ye Kings Duans or any otherwise you Can possibly procure his Neshaun though it Should be wth: ye Same Conditions in all respects wth: what we directed you to take out ye Duans ℔'wanna pray doe it that Soe ye Stop may not last till our Ships Arrive & our whole business lies Stopped as it has Continued many months & though he Should Stay a month or more at Dacca it will be Convenient yt we doe not meet him but at his returne at Rajamaul for probably in ye meane time ye Kings ℔'maund may Come when with one present we may get out his Neshaun well grounded when at best Can we feare at ℔'sent be but Conditionall & if we are forced to present him ere ye ℔'maund Comes he must againe be presented when it Comes for his Neshaun as before mentioned but if on good enquiry & observation you Shall find ye Prince is resolved to take Some longer Stay there then at ℔'sent is imagined he will, and yt it will be prejudiciall to our Masters affaires that he be not presented there then Send us advice to Cassumb & we Shall waite upon him in Dacca, Wee Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd: Reade

Mr Edward Littleton &cA

Srs Hugly 21st June 1678

Wee have recd: three from you one dated ye 15 & two ye 18th: Currant wherein find ye Sudden & unexpected Arrivall of Sultaun Auzzum to Rajamaul as alsoe that you Cannot be yet Certified whither he will remaine there Some time or proceed to

Dacca, we had ere your first advise been gathering Sev^{lls}: for presents & hope to gett all ready to proceed hence y^{e} 24th: Currant if at our Arrivall wth: you we Shall find y^{t} the Prince is not Suddenly proceeding to Dacca then we may visit him at Rajamaul but if he Staies not there or be gone we have taken Care to Dacca Concerning y^{t} affaire there it would for what we Can yet See be good y^{t} he were gone to Dacca when in ℔'tence of awaiting his returne we might put off presenting him untill a ℔'maund might arrive and then his Neshaun might be gotten for y^{e} Same expence whereas it is much to be feared notwithstanding what we now may present him with, y^{t} his Neshaune will be but Conditionall & on our receiveing of a ℔'maund we must gett another Neshaun grounded on y^{t}, which will occation double expences, we pray God direct all for y^{e} best pray order an exact Correspondence to Rajamaul especially now we are Comeing up if y^{e} Prince ere this arrives has passed Meirdapore it will be very well if you have waited on him wth our excuse there w^{ch} alsoe will according to our Orders be backed wth: another at Dacca we Call not else to mind at ℔'sent but that we are

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^{s}: VINCENT

EDW^{D}: READE

M^{R}· RICH^{D}: EDWARDS

S^{rs}

HUGLY 26TH JUNE 1678:

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 15th: Currant you will have heard long Since of y^{e} Princes haveing y^{e} Governm^{t}: of Bengall bestowed upon him & of his entrance into Rajamaul we have advices y^{t} he is proceeded thence to Dacca where he will not remaine long this day therefore y^{e} Cheif Sets forward towards Cassumbazar to await his Commands whither to waite upon him at Rajamaul or Dacca.

Wee have been given to understand y^{t} Tho: Pitt (who though ordered publikely by the Cheif & Councell did not proceed to ffort S^{t}: George last yeare) is engaged or does intend to enter himself upon y^{e} Ship of Noorola Caun, we much admire at his boldness to think that he is under'noe Government for a man in his predicament thus to take Service wthout licence first had from y^{e} Worp^{ll}: Agent & Councell at ffort S^{t}: George or at least from us pray Call him & admonish him openly in our Name & tell him y^{t} he Shall not Serve any man but must proceed this yeare to y^{e} ffort unless he Can produce y^{e} Said Worp^{ll} Agent & Councells orders to y^{e} Contrary y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Company haveing Soe possitively and Strictly enjoyned y^{t} he be Sent hence w^{ch}: although he eluded last yeare we purpose he Shall not this we Call not else to mind Save y^{t} we are

Your very Loveing ffriends.

I have not heard of To Pitts engagem^{t}: to Nooroola Caun ... ...

MATT^{s}: VINCENT
EDW^{D} READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN

M^{R}: EDWARD READE &^{CA}

Loveing ffriends

HUGLY 26: JUNE

I being now by Gods ℔mission for Sev^{ll} Considerations mentioned in our Diary & Consultation bound to Cassumbazar in reference to meeting & presenting Sultaun Auzzum leave this remembrance wth: you for your regulation in y^{e} Carrying on y^{e} Hon^{ble} Companies affaires dureing my absence.

And first I desire you to keep exact Correspondence adviseing duely all things y^{t} shall happen in our business y^{t} may be worthy Communicating & y^{t} you keep a Diary in y^{e} usuall forme till my returne.

The Hon^ble^ : Companies Sloopes you may be Sending away about y^e^ fifth next month that Soe they may be ready in Ballasore Roade against our Europe Ships arrive, y^t^ Soe if any Come from England bound by Chre℔ty to Come to Hugly they may be proceeding without delay you may alsoe Send an invitatory letter to y^e^ Commanders to venture up with their Ships in y^e^ Cheifs Name alleageing y^e^ : Small difficulty & great advantage &c^a^ as you think best however if they will not bring their Ships invite y^e^ Commanders up that Soe by Comeing on y^e^ Sloopes & Seeing y^e^ good depths of water they may be more willing if Should Come againe to these parts it being y^e^ best way to bring our Employers designe in this ℔ticuler to pass by letting all y^e^ Commanders if it Can be See y^e^ uttermost of y^e^ Danger y^e^ Sloope Lilly let goe alsoe w^th^ : y^e^ other Sloopes & order her into Ballasore there to be fitted as designed by one of our English Carpenters writeing our friends at Ballas^r^ useing all y^e^ frugallity imaginable here are a ℔cell of teak boards to line her Cabin w^th^ all w^ch^ : send by Number downe on her giveing y^e^ master Strict Charge to be Accomptable for them Part of y^e^ Companies Cash is del^d^ : w^th^ : y^e^ Cashbooke of this factory to m^r^ Reade the other I Carry w^th^ : me (there being noe ℔sent Occation for it) to Supply where shall find there may be most want & for expences of y^e^ affaire I now goe about.

If any thing be here omitted on your advise or my Calling it to mind it Shall be Spoken to from Cassumbazar wishing you much health remaine

Your assured Loveing ffriend

MATT^s^ : VINCENT

S^rs^

I had almost forgot to give order about bringing up of goods from y^e^ Roade hither and Sending on Shoare what money & goods Shall be thought Sufficient for y^t^ place according to our Masters orders w^ch^ ; we shall this yeare receive.

Upon y^e^ Arrival you are to send down M^r^ : Rich^d^ : Trenchfeild who is to goe on board of y^e^ English Ships at their Arrivall & to Send up goods & money hither & ashoa[re] at Ballasore of w^ch^ : he is alwaies to draw up an Invoice & remit hither y^t^ you may accordingly debet y^t^ factory for what sent ashoare there according to order given him You are to give him order to Send on Shoare at Ballasore eight Chests Treasure one third part of y^e^ Broadcloth Clothrashes Serges & ℔petuanaes y^t^ shall Come on all y^e^ Ships alsoe $\frac{1}{4}$ p^t^ : of y^e^ rest of y^e^ Goods lead excepted of w^ch^ ; there remaines a great quantity at Ballasore therefore all y^t^ Commodity let Come up as it Can what y^e^ Ships according to their chre ℔ty will let goe y^e^ Invoices & acco^t^ of goods he sends you must be of Markes & Numbers to w^ch^ : you may by y^e^ Coast advices add y^e^ prizes and amo^t^ : y^e^ treasure (w^ch^ : order to be about 15 Chests on each Sloope) if Can be effected assoone as arrives in Hugly dispeed away to Cassumbazar immediately y^e^ money put on Shoare at Ballasore let be Roy^lls^ $\frac{8}{8}$ w^ch^ : Rich^d^ ; Trenchfeild may Come to know by y^e^ Cap^t^ : or Pursers Copie of their Bills of Ladeing w^ch^ : they ordinaryly take, in Case you Cannot have liberty to take on Shoare y^e^ goods y^t^ shall Come up w^ch^ : we hope will be otherwise by y^t^ time then you may unlade y^e^ Said vessels on y^e^ Good Hope &c^a^ empty Sloopes downe againe to make another turne you must order them a Jocund ladeing of goods from Ballasore roade y^e^ winds being Strong & y^e^ Seas high about this time of yeare

Idem M : VINCENT

M^R^ : EDWARD READE &C^A^ CASSUMBAZAR 2 JULY 1678

S^rs^

Wee have rec^d^ yours of y^e^ 28 past (two of them) y^e^ former Comeing to hand y^e^ 30^th^, y^e^ Same day we arrived hither y^e^ other y^c^ next day both whose qts we observe & of y^e^ Gen^ll^ : from y^e^ Worp^ll^ Agent and Councell you well know had it not been

for want of due assistance, y^e^ Confusedness we found y^e^ Gen^ll^ bookes in & want of health at y^e^ beginning of y^e^ yeare not to name y^e^ Continual troubles we have encountred ever since y^e^ Ships departed tis not to be questioned that all our Acco^ts^: had been ere now adjusted y^e^ in land factories have also Shared in y^e^ forementioned hindrances w^ch^: has alsoe brought them behind hand we shall now write both to Dacca & Pattana for their bookes w^th^ which those of this factory Shall alsoe Come & then you may shut up your bookes and draw out an abstract as alsoe a paper of diffirences to reconcile ye Gen^ll^: and inland factory Acco^ts^ in y^e^ interim you had best begin new bookes if not already done and goe on w^th^: them y^t^ soe y^e^ propper Acco^t^ of hugly may not ly behind.

Wee are in hopes there is noe such thing intended as recalling [y^e^] Prince there being a report here y^t^ the last Phirmaund from y^e^ King to him was in respect of his health forbidding his residence at Dacca & ordering his very Sudden returne to Rajamaul to live there w^ch^: if true will be very well not being in a readiness to meet him if ye Ships should Come up Sooner then ordinary pray write up for all rarities y^t^ Shall Come this year & Send us a quantity of what you may think will be most acceptable.

Wee Call not else to mind Remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ VINCENT

EDW^d^ LITTLETON

M^R^: JOB CHARNOCK &C^A^

Loveing ffriends CASSUMBAZAR 3RD JULY 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 18 past Since w^ch^: have rec^d^: yours of the 16^th^: D^to^ & have written to Dacca about the Mochelkee given y^e^ late Nabob by our friends at y^t^: place though feare it may now be too late.

The Prince arrived y^e^ 13 last month at Rajamaul y^e^ 19^th^: he sett out towards Dacca & made soelittle stay at Meirdapore y^t^ M^r^ Littleton though went thither for that purpose Could not meet w^th^: him he Staies as we heare but few daies at Dacca & then returnes we awaite him here where arrived y^e^ last of y^e^ passed month

Your bookes of Acco^ts^ we desire you to Send us assoone as possible our bookes lying open for them, w^ch^: is all at ℔sent from .

Your assured Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^: VINCENT

EDW^D^ LITTLETON

M^R^: SAM^LL^: HERVY &C^A^

S^rs^ CASSUMBAZAR 3 JULY 1678

Wee wrote you at large y^e^ 18^th^ & 21^st^ last month to w^ch^: we have little to add save y^t^ we have rec^d^: yours of y^e^ 17 D^to^ together w^th^ Sha Shujahs Neshaun & y^e^ ℔wannaes as inlisted we Longingly expect your advices what has passed & is like to be your Condition Since y^e^ Princes Arrivall at Dacca we are told here y^t^ his Stay there will be short & y^t^ a ℔maund from y^e^ King followed him to y^t^ purpose.

Your bookes of Acco^{ts} if not already Sent dispatch away to Hugly y^{t} we may Shut up our bookes whose ballance y^{e} Wrop^{ll}: Agent & Councell have written for in w^{ch}: respect we are y^{e} more earnest wth: you your advise we awaite & y^{e} princes returne wth whome by God[s] blessing we feare not to make up our business in w^{ch} pray give us y^{e} best aimes you Can we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^{s}: VINCENT
EDW^{D} LITTLETON

If possibly you Can get out y^{e} late Mochelkee you gave y^{e} late Nabob Soe as it may not Come to y^{e} princes Serv^{ts} hands it would doe exceeding well least it may now have reference to our Masters affaires

ÿdem: M: VINCENT
E LITTLETON

M^{R}: RICHARD EDWARDS &C^{A}
S^{rs}

CASSUMBAZAR 3 JULY 1678

Wee have not answered youars of y^{e} 30th ultimo till now there being little materiall in it & expecting your Diary &c^{a}

Wee heare y^{e} Kings Duan at Cateck (who is Son to y^{e} Kings Duan of Bengall to whome y^{e} Deceased Nabob was a grand Enimy & if he had lived would have endeavored his ruin) y^{t} y^{e} Said Duan fled from Cateck for feare of y^{e} Nabob of Orixa who otherwise have affronted him you have done very well in waiting upon him both he & his father here haveing alwaies been favorable to our business.

Wee hope by your Silence y^{t} you have been makeing an end wth: y^{e} Ballasore Merchants w^{ch}: we should be glad to understand & especially now y^{e} Ships are at our dores we pray God we may be able to bring y^{e} ℔ sent affaire in hand to a good issue ere they arrive haveing not else to add we Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^{s}: VINCENT
EDW^{D} LITTLETON

Wee have herewith sent you y^{e} 50 Doller weight haveing rectified it to y^{e} weight of Rajamaul siccaes

ydem M: V
E L

M^{R} EDWARD READE &C^{A}
S^{rs}

CASSUMBAZAR 4TH: JULY 1678

Our last to you was dated y^{e} 2^{d} Currant since w^{ch} is Come to hand yours of the 1st: ditto wth: Ruggonaut &c^{a} their Acco^{t} Concerning y^{e} Cossas 1571 p^{s} we Suppose you found not their rate in y^{e} warehouse book but onely y^{e} quantity & we are Somewhat doubtfull in y^{t} M^{r} Matt^{s}: Vincent has heard in Hugly that there was 1^{rup}: diffirence in every Sort you are to enquire into this matter & accordingly booke them.

The 100^{rups}: Charged to their Acco^{t} must Continue Soe for if what entred into our bookes of Acco^{ts} Comes to be questioned (as this leades directly to it) it will be of bad Consequence & their deniall of receipt of y^{t} money will not make against our bookes except all of them will Sweare they never rec^{d} Such a Summe in money or Acco^{t} What y^{e} lead Sold them y^{e} 1.th: June 1677 was rated at then M^{r} Read must know it being if at Hugly delivered by him & y^{e} lead Sold them y^{e} 15 Decem$\bar{b}$ last Could not be delivered them by M^{r} Matt^{s}: Vincent he being then in Ballasore & does remember y^{t} he agreed wth: them at 8^{rup} ℔ md y^{e} 18 Septem$\bar{b}$ last on y^{e} Contract for Mullmulls & we Suppose y^{e} lead then delivered might be part of it.

Ruggonaut being y^e^ most Substantiall man of y^t^ Gang it would doe well if you made that head Ruggonaut & Company.

If you paid them 1000 Rup^s^ of what due to them pay them noe more till further orders there being an acco^t^: between them & y^e^ late Cheif of Bengall w^ch^ shall Suddenly adjust & then make an end w^th^: them in y^e^ meane time they may goe to their houses.

The Mushariffe Come as you write from y^e^ King Suppose is y^e^ same y^t^ we formerly heard of from Pattana Mahmud Hushim by name pray endeavour to keep a faire Correspondence with him & if he Can be ℔swaded to write favorably of us & our priviledges of trade in y^t^ port to y^e^ King it may be of good use to our ℔sent business at Court we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT
EWD^D^ LITTLETON

Your bookes of 1677 being open we order you to enter Ruggonaut &c^a^ their Acco^t^: into them y^t^ Soe they be as ℔fect as we Can make them and hasten M^r^ Bugden to send downe y^e^ Ballasore bookes y^t^ they may be alsoe ready assoone as possible

ÿdem M : V
E L

M^R^: EDWARD READE &C^a^

S^rs^

CASSUMBAZAR 7^TH^ JULY 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 4^th^: Currant yours of y^e^ same date we have rec^d^ together w^th^ the Dacca Gen^ll^ & y^e^ Duans ℔wanna by w^ch^: we have liberty to send goods againe up into the Country on receipt therefore of these we order you to Send up hither all those Sorts of goods we directed M^r^ Bugden to be Sent up to y^e^ inland factories y^e^ Cloth you may send thence to Dacca & whatsoever more shall be thought Convenient may be Sent or Carried them hence, we Call not else to mind remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MAIT^S^: VINCENT
EDW^D^ LITTLETON.

M^R^: SAMUEL HERVY &C^a^

S^rs^

CASSUMBAZAR 10 JULY 1678

The 6^th^: Currant we rec^d^ yours of y^e^ 27^th^: last month & have hopes in few daies more to receive a full & definite answere to ours of y^e^ 21^st^: D^to^ as alsoe how you have fared with y^e^ Prince & whither there will be a necessity for y^e^ Cheifs ℔sonall appearance w^th^: a Present ere he returnes to Rajamaul as therein fully incited on.

The Coppy of y^e^ Duans ℔wanna (y^e^ Originall being detained at Hugly) & y^e^ Acco^t^ of expence of procureing said ℔wanna we have rec^d^ w^ch^: Considering y^e^ Occation we approve of Conceiveing you have well acquitted your Selfes therein & hope you will thereupon have Since ℔vailed w^th^: y^e^ Prince for his neshaun w^ch^: you as well as we are very Sensible how well it would be if Could be gott without y^e^ last Clause of entries at y^e^ Ports the Vaqueel at Dilly has full advices what we are & have been in doeing in Bengall there haveing been nothing Come to knowledge necessary for him to be acquainted with but we have immediately to M^r^ Charnock by him to be handed forward.

As touching a ℔wanna for Dacca or any other place in Bengall or Orixa apart for y^e^ Gen^ll^: ℔wanna for w^ch^: you Seeme Soe much to plead we have well Considered what you have alleaged therein & upon mature deliberation are of y^e^ Same mind as before & doe hope that we well understand y^e^ nature of y^e^ thing fearing its bad Consequence on our Masters affaires we were never questioned at Dacca till y^t^ unhappy ℔maund for y^e^ Danes when in Dacca Ballasore & hughly y^e^ Nabob Shasteh Caun according to y^e^ Kings Comaund ordered Custome to be taken of us w^ch^ made it necessary when he was againe ℔swaded to favour us y^t^ his ℔wannaes for our free trade Should be issued out to all those places whither his prohibition had been formerly Sent but all this argues not y^t^ when it Shall please God we have got y^e^ Kings ℔maund and on it this Princes Neshaun for our Masters trade in Bengall & Orixa y^t^ we must Still have ℔ticuler orders for any or all parts within said Kingdomes & we may further note to you y^t^ any Such order will hold good but while y^e^ ℔sent Governour Superintends for upon Change or removeall you must have another from y^e^ next Comer w^ch^: may be inconvenient & as Chargeable as y^e^ sev^ll^: ℔wangees or verball orders you mention where Governours remove often as in Hugly & Ballasore & if y^e^ Prince Should dwell (as we are Certainly informed he will) in Rajamaul y^e^ future Dacca Governour will be as subject to Change as those of any other Government in y^e^ whole province.

That you Should receive trouble in Nabob Auzzum Cauns time (who appeared very inveterate against us) or in y^e^ ℔sent unsetled posture of Affaires is matter of noe great wonder but must be gone through by every one in his Station y^e^ best he Can & we must use our utmost endeavours in all places y^t^ noe bad examples or precedents (though many this of Shasteh Cauns being yet but one) be brought into use or Custome to y^e^ prejudice or disadvantage of our Masters affaires Upon y^e^ whole we doe not think fit to revoke our order in this matter but doe prohibit you to take out any such ℔wanna or paper for any port of Bengall or Orixa apart for though it may in this unsetlement & as we may say indisposition of our Masters affaires Seem to give a present remedy & redress yet tis next to a Certainty y^t^ when they Shall be Currant and (as we hope they Suddenly will) have gathered Strength againe it will rather help to ruin them (as is y^e^ use of palliated & Superfinall Cures or at best as Physick in health) then give them any reall Support or Solid Sustentation if you must (as you Say) though we have y^e^ Kings ℔maund & this Princes Neshaun yet procure y^e^ ℔ticuler ℔wangee or verball order of y^e^ immediate Superintendent at Dacca & money & time will be Spent to gett that it will in Such Case be your best way at y^e^ first to be at a little expence of time &c^a^ extraordinary to gett Said ℔wangee one for all w^ch^: may be Soe given as to last for all the whole time of any one mans Government and then by you againe renewed by which meanes after y^e^ Change of one or two Governours y^e^ ℔wangee will grow Customary & our priviledges Soe well knowne y^t^ y^e^ impending of under Officers will Cease and weare away as they have done in all other parts Since y^e^ time of Sha Shujah & Mozum Caun when Such ℔sons were exceeding troublesome & exacting.

The Broadcloth according to our Advices from Hugly will be Sent you thence & we Shall keep w^th^: in y^e^ bounds of your Contract but y^e^ ℔sent ready price of Broadcloth at Ballasore is 3^r^: 12^a^ & 4^r^ at hugly & we intend to establish it at 4^r^: 4^a^ ℔y^d^ hereafter at Dacca Rajamaul & Pattana & hope as y^e^ Prince Comes to grow rich it will beare its former esteem we have not else to add but y^t^ y^e^ Story of y^e^ Caffree at Hugly is quashed we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT

EDW^D^ LITTLETON

This letter was not rec^d^ at Dacca y^e^ peon miscarrying by y^e^ way:

M: VINCENT

SA: HERVY

FFY: NEDHAN

Mr: Edward Reade

Srs Cassumbazr: July 13th: 1678

Our last to you was of ye 7th: Currant to which refer you we have now recd yours without date but Suppose Should have been of ye 8th: Currant & are glad ye Ballasore Accots are so neare a Close yt Soe our next designe of reconcileing all inland factories accots may be gone on in as our other incumbent & pressing business will give us oportunity for ye expected English Ships being Soe nigh ye last yeares Europe & ffort Invoices are herewith Sent you & hope you may yet receive ye Sevll: entries & Merchts: Accots from Ballasore timely enough to Close all if not before ye[t] Suddenly after ye Ships Arrivall we wish you Could have paid Ruggonaut &cs noe more then ye Rups: 1000 we wrote you but doe approve of what you have done.

Wee write you Concerning ye Mushareef whome we then Supposed had been Mahmood Hushim but now find tis a Gentue wth: whome as wth: all Officers you must keep a faire Correspondence.

Wee have written you full Orders Concerning Sending up those goods to ye Sevll: factories as they arrive Shall disperse we have not yet heard from Dacca Since ye Prince arrived but daily expect it we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd: Littleton

Mr: Edward Reade &cA

Srs Cassumbazar 15 July 1678

Wee omitted in our last of ye 13 to send you ye Invoice from ye ffort & England but we question not but you have found them in ye Coppy booke or Register of Invoices which is in Jeremiah Peachies hands what of ye Originalls not left wth: him being entered therein ere ye Cheif left ye place.

Wee pray God we may Suddenly receive a ℔ maund from ye King to put an end to ye present unsettlement of our Masters affaires in these parts yet Since we Cannot be Certaine whither we shall have it for our trade Custome free or not & y if it should give order for our paying Custome we shall Certainely be Called upon at least for Such goods of wch: according to ye late ℔wanna graunted us by ye Kings Duan we have given entries to pay their Custome in Case ye King Shall Soe order it wherefore we Strictly order you to keep an exact Accot of your entries given ye Governour or any other Custome Officer in Hugly for all goods Sent or brought into Hugly wth: ye Copies of ye Dusticks whither Sent or whence received yt Soe those in Office may not Multiply Dusticks upon us nor ye Honble Company be forced to pay more Custome Should it be demanded then for their own goods in wch: respect for all other goods in or out you must enter for whose Accot they are & if you think needfull take their engagements under their hands to answer for ye Custome in Case hereafter we should be forced to pay it as afroesaid we Call not else to mind Save yt we are

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd Littleton

Wee order you to Send us a Coppy of all entries & Dusticks as abovementioned to ye day of the date hereof by first Oportunity [yt] if Occation be it may by us be Shewn at Dacca

ÿdem M: Vincent

E Littleton

Mr: Edward Reade &c[a]

Srs Cassumbaz[r] 18 July 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 15th Currant Since wch: have recd yours of ye [13] Currtt with ye Invoice of Goods you had despeeded thence for this factory they are as we heard yesterday Stopped by ye way but hope to gett them Cleared, ye Invoice was delivered to Mr Littleton &ca according to which they will receive ye Goods.

As before we wrote you we now confirme yt you keep a good Correspondence wth: ye new Droga but we enorder you to forbear giveing him a present till ye Cheifs Arrivall when it will be most fitting in Sevll: respects whatever is whispered him in ye ear by any of our ill wishers will not we hope signifie much God Sending us good Success at Dacca whither God willing ye Cheif is Setting forward tomorrow morning haveing two daies Since recd a Genll; letter from Dacca by wch it Cannot be found yt his not appearing before ye Prince will be well taken nor is it visible that ye Prince intends to Stir thence for a while

What papers you have been ordered to Send us hither pray if not already forwarded remit us to Dacca wch: is all at ꝑsent from

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd Littleton

Wee have returned Janne Beague unto you hearing yt you are ill provided of a Durbar Servant

ÿdem M: Vincent

E: Littleton

Mr: Edward Littleton &ca

Srs Cassumbazar ye 18 July 1678.

The present Necessity of ye Honble: Companies affaires Calling me away to Dacca & haveing a day or two agone recd advise from Hugly yt they intended as Soone as they Could procure boates to Send a quantity of goods to Supply Pattana Markets I thought it requisite to leave this order wth you to forward Said goods thither when they Shall arrive hither & to Send ye Copie of Hodgee Zoffe Cauns ꝑwanna to Rajamaul to Cleare them thence.

Your bookes of Accts (wch: I am very Sensible your Multiplicity of business and your want of due assistance has kept you behind hand in) being now on a ballance pray hasten & Send away to Hugly as alsoe those of Pattana assoone as they Shall Come to hand, I call not else to mind but yt you give all due advises to Dacca as you shall Judge requisite I Conclude

Your very Loveing ffriend

Matts: Vincent

Mr Edward Reade &ca

Loveing ffriends Meirdaudpore 22 July 1678

I have recd yours of ye 18 July in this place & am glad you have found ye Invoices you wanted & hope ere this you will alsoe have the Ballasore entries or at least assoon as ye inland factories bookes of Accots will arrive wth: you I have taken order to Cassumbazar about ye Pattana goods the Sevll. entries & Dusticks

I have received & desire you to Send them thus every 15 daies whilst I am absent in Case of any dispute where I am a goeing y^e^ Obligation to be taken if need be it from Such as are not in y^e^ Companies Service.

The Kings Duan Hodge Zoffe Caun at ℔sent does all in Dacca & tis Supposed he will untill y^e^ Prince departs thence w^ch^ may not be now till after y^e^ raines he haveing noe one about him of Soe good quallity as y^e^ Duan & troubles himself w^th^: little business I hope to be in Dacca when y^e^ answer to y^e^ Duans Arzdasht or remonstance to y^e^ Kings shall arrive thither there to frame our business according & if it pleased God our ℔maund Comes it will be Soe much y^e^ better & indeed this was a great reason I resolved to proceed w^th^ the Present thither pray assoone as y^e^ Europe letters arrive dispatch them w^th^: a Couple of Stout Cossids to me to Dacca haveing not else to add Subscribe

Your very Loveing ffriend

MATT^S^: VINCENT

M^R^ EDWARD READE &C^A^

S^rs^ DACCA 27 JULY 1678

The 26^th^ in y^e^ evening y^e^ Cheif arrived hither in Safety but y^e^ boat w^th^: y^e^ Horses is not yet Come but in a day expected the 29^th^ we intend to visit y^e^ Kings & Princes Duans and y^e^ next day two or three others of y^e^ Princes principall Officers & then y^e^ 1^st^ or 2^d^ of next month y^e^ Prince himself what Shall at all times be necessary for your knowledge shall be Constantly advised you what we have already recommended to you pray let be put in execution & y^e^ Gen^ll^: letters both from Hugly & y^e^ ffort let be Carefully transmitted us by Such Conveyance as may Soonest bring them to our hands we Call not else to mind Save y^t^ we are

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT

SAM^LL^: HERVY

M^R^ JOB CHARNOCK &C^A^

S^rs^: DACCA 3^D^: AUGUST 1678.

The 26^th^: last month M^r^: Matt^s^ Vincent Arrived hither where he is yet detained in y^e^ business Came about viz^t^ to visitt & present this new Prince of Bengall & if possible to get his Neshaun for our trade in these parts yours of y^e^ 11^th^ & 16^th^ July we have received together w^th^: y^e^ Copie of your Duans ℔wanna for Clearing all future disputes about our Masters goods w^th^: you, we also here were not unmindfull of it but have alsoe gott out a Dustick under y^e^ Seal of y^e^ Princes Duans & Peashdust Ray Moollook Chunds hands for Clearing all demands in Pattana on our goods or boates y^e^ Originall you may Shew as you find Occation & y^e^ Coppy attested by y^e^ Cozzee of this place you may Send downe w^th^: y^e^ Peter boates to Cleare them in y^e^ way & most especially from Rajamaul and if your Peter Come downe while y^e^ Princes Officers governe there tis likely you may meet w^th^: y^e^ less trouble w^ch^: we recommend earnestly unto you to See to gett it effected.

Wee observe you have Sent y^e^ Mochelkee given y^e^ Kings Duan at Dacca to your Vaqueel at Dilly & think very well of what you have left out in our letters to Nabob Shasteh Caun & Raynundelol they being sent out in their rough Draught to you on purpose we hope our business may be done by said Nabobs meanes & rather then faile you may direct your Vaqueel to drive a downright bargaine w^th^: his Duan Raynundelol for a ℔maund for a Certaine Summe of money what you Shall Judge or he may find may effect it & we hope he may not demand unreasonably we Shall

readily approve of what you Shall on due Consideration order him to proffer well knowing of what great necessity a Phirmaund now is to our Masters affaires w^{ch}: are much Shattered for want of one wherefore we most earnestly recommend this to you.

Wee well approve of your getting a letter of Shasteh Caun in Case a Phirmaund Cannot Soe Soone be Sued out for us to this Prince & wish it Could Come ere M^{r}: Matthias Vincent leaves this place.

Wee are all in Gen^{ll}: here & in all other factories of your mind y^{t} when all endeavours are fruitless to procure us a ℔maund Custome free y^{t} you then Write to your Vaqueel to get one for releasement of y^{e} 3000 ^{rups} yearly paid in Hugly as alsoe y^{t} we be troubled for Custome noe where but in Hugly as y^{e} Dutch are & y^{t} they take our owne entries of our goods imported & exported not to open veiw weigh or measure our Sev^{ll}: goods otherwise tis impossible we can trade in these parts to all w^{ch}: we would have you add y^{t} a Clause be incerted in Said ℔maund y^{t} for what time is past noe Custome on any former Acco^{t} whatsoever be demanded but y^{t} we then beg in to pay Said Custome on receipt of y^{e} before mentioned ℔maund but we hope by Gods blessing better things & y^{t} it may yet please God y^{t} y^{e} Emperor may be induced to graunt us a ℔maund Custome free. If as you write we Can get an order in Case Custome or a greater acknowledgement Cannot be remitted to pay Such a Summe Certaine or Muckurrur at Hugly it will alsoe have its excellent use and y^{t} as above we may not be plagued either at Hugly by opening &c^{a}: as aforesaid or within land this alsoe we Should very well approve off, As being yet much better then paying Custome.

Your Journalls & Leidgers &c^{a} were remitted to Hugly we are very glad you shall be able to Send Soe Considerable a quantity of peter as 20000 Mds & wish it Could be encreased to mds 30000 being Soe much ordered by our Masters

Wee note y^{t} Seif Caun is ordered your Suba we wish he proves a good Governour & makes good y^{e} report of him tis very difficult to get y^{e} Mochelkee given Auzzum Caun out of his Mutsuddies hands it has not yet appeared & hope never will y^{e} Prince haveing been here now upward of a month.

By a Dutch Vessel w^{ch} left y^{e} Williamson Capt: Bass Commander at Madrass where expected y^{e} Society & Nathaniel all Ships of about 600 Tons (y^{e} ffalcon being bound to rights for Ganges) we rec^{d} a Copie of our Masters Gen^{ll} wherein they have left y^{e} ranking of their Servants in these parts according to their orders Sent the Worp^{ll}: Agent & Councell in Madrass of w^{ch} letter we have yet noe copie Joseph Hall & John Smith are dismissed their Service & what y^{e} Agent did at Cassumbazar &c^{a} places well approved off y^{e} Goods they order to be procured in your factory are viz^{t} Saltpeter 1000 Tons & Turmerick 100 Tons w^{ch} we order you to goe in hand to procure what you Can thereof & assoone as possible money Shall be remitted you for y^{t} purpose, & to goe on with your next yeares enordered Investment w^{ch} is to be of y^{e} Same goods.

Our Masters have likewise enordered y^{t} y^{e} Marke you make on their treble refined or white Peter be made more plaine it being quite worne out when it gets home Soe y^{t} they receive loss thereby & therefore we desire you to get it marked according to their in[ju]nctions Noe Broadcloth Come out this yeare or other Woollen Manufactures w^{ch}: we advise you in regard it will Certainely rise in Price & you may accordingly Governe your Selfes in its Sale there we Call not else to mind Save to Subscribe

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^{s}: VINCENT

SA: HERVY

Wee are not out of hopes of getting into our hands y^{e} Mochelke given Auzzum Caun but Shall endeavour it & whereas you write of getting a letter from Shasteh Caun to this Prince in our behalfe to favour our business we desire you alsoe to get

a letter from y^e^ Said Nabob to Hodge Zoffe Caun y^e^ Kings Duan of Bengall here w^ch^ may be of great advantage to our Masters affaires in these parts the Costomes &c^a^ being hereto in his hands

ÿdem M : VINCENT
S HERVY

M^R^ EDWARD READE
S^rs^ DACCA 3 AUGUST 1678.

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 27^th^ last month we have Since rec^d^: yours of y^e^ 21^st^ ditto together w^th^ : y^e^ enclosed packett from y^e^ Worp^ll^: Agent & Councell we wish with you that y^e^ ffalcon had Come a little Sooner when She might have been brought before y^e^ factory now She may be brought into Some place alow in y^e^ River where She may lie out of y^e^ way of y^e^ Streames till y^e^ freshes abate & then she may be brought up in y^e^ meane time you had best take great Care y^t^ our Seamen doe not when Come to Hugly frequent y^e^ Dutch quarters least thereby inconveniences through quarrels betwen our Seamen & theirs Should arise.

The Treasure assoone as it arrives you had best be Sending it away to Cassumbazar there to be Sold w^th^ : y^e^ first y^t^ we may be imbursed assoone as possible for our Masters Occations y^e^ Saltpeter you may be Contracting for but you must remember y^t^ in all likelyhood y^e^ Dutch will have noe Occation for any of y^t^ Commodity this yeare haveing lately procured a Dustick for bringing down theirs from Pattana both what Stopped last yeare & what made this w^ch^ : will amo^t^ to between Mds 70 & 80000 w^ch^ recommend to you.

Thomas Collins being lately deceased in Cassumbazar & they haveing noe assistance left to Copie out their bookes we order you immediately on receipt of this to Send up Thomas Bromley thither for y^t^ Occation.

Our Masters write for female Spotted Deer for his Majesty w^ch^: pray look out to procure what peter you Shall buy of y^e^ Sort Called treble refined peter pray let y^e^ Marke be made very plaine our Masters adviseing y^t^ they receive damage by y^e^ Marke wearing off y^e^ baggs ere they gett home.

Pray write to Ballasore & enquire whither Sannoes of 16 yds long Such as were last Sent for England on y^e^ Eagle & Johannah being Sannoes of Mohumpore Harrapore and Surro Sannoes may be gott Cheaper then at y^t^ time bought by 10 to 25 ℔ Cent (as we advised our Masters might be done in our letter ℔ last Shipping if bought for ready money) y^t^ Soe we might order a Stock thither Accordingly.

You will have seen y^t^ noe woollen Manufactures is this yeare Sent us & we thinking to make a Contract for it all here desire you to part w^th^ none of what now in the factory till you heare further from us about it we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^ : VINCENT
SA : HERVY

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON &c^A^
S^rs^ DACCA 3 AUGUST 1678

The 26^th^ : ultimo at Night M^r^ Matt^s^ : Vincent arrived hither & haveing ever Since been Employed in visiting & prepareing y^e^ Sev^ll^ : great men in reference to our visiting y^e^ Prince w^ch^ : we fully intended to have done y^e^ 1^st^ : Currant but y^e^ weather proveing bad he satt not out & we did not goe, in a day or two more, hope to have an Oportunity & to present him y^t^ Soe we may be endeavoring for his Neshaun. By a Copie of y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Companies letter w^ch^ : Came by your way hither you have

Seen what our Hon^ble^: Employers require to be provided in your factory w^ch^ we earnestly recommend to your Care & y^t^ all goods be packed according to their directions.

Wee are Sorry to heare of y^e^ Death of Tho: Collins God in his mercy ℔pare us for our Change we have ordered M^r^ Reade &c^a^ to Send you up Tho: Bromley for your assistance in Coppying out your bookes of Acco^ts^ w^ch^: by M^r^ Collins his sickness & death lay behind hand & we desire you to Send them to Hugly assoone as possible we remaine

Your loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT

SA HERVY

M^R^: RICH^D^: EDWARDS &C^A^

S^rs^

DACCA 3^D^: AUGUST 1678.

The 26^th^: ult̃: M^r^· Matt^s^: Vincent arrived hither & hope in a day or two to visit and ℔sent y^e^ Prince in reference to getting out his Neshaun by a Dutch freemans Ship y^t^ touched at Madrass we rec^d^: a Coppy of our Masters Gen^ll^: to Bengall by y^e^ Williamson wherein they have enordered 10000 ps Coloured Ginghams 10000ps of Nellaes & 10000 ps of Sannaes of 16 yds long Such as were Sent home by y^e^ Ships Eagle & Johannah if y^ey^ can be gott from 25 to 10 ℔ Cent Cheaper then y^t^ time Sent w^ch^ we question not but may be done Since we are fully resolved to deale w^th^: y^e^ Merchants there for all goods at a ready money price w^ch^: as we have Sev^ll^ times written you to doe we question not but you have fully Satisfied your Selfes in & accordingly you may be treating about, till by treasure &c^a^: Sent you on Shoare from y^e^ Ships you Can be in Cash to give out on all these goods what y^e^ price of y^e^ Sannas were we have taken order to Hugly that they advise you they haveing y^e^ Copie booke of those Invoices of y^e^ Eagle & Johanna there, Wee hope you have long Since finished y^e^ old Acco^ts^ w^th^: those Merchants & y^t^ all your Acco^ts^: are Sent up to Hugly there to be entred as formerly ordered you if not pray what undone get finished out of hand we Call not else to mind but rest

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT

SA HERVY

M^R^: EDWARD READE &C^A^

S^rs^

DACCA 17^TH^: AUGUST 1678 AT NIGHT

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 3^d^: Currant to w^ch^: refer you & had Since rec^d^ yours of the Same date w^ch^: had answered Sooner but have Scarce had time Since its receipt but almost for our necessary repast & repose haveing been wholey taken up day after day the Sabbaoth excepted in Continuall following y^e^ Prince & other great Officers of his Court now at last by our ℔swasion (y^e^ Government haveing been Offered first to us but putt off the best we Could) Hugly is become part of y^e^ Princes Jaggeer & we are assured as much of a Neshawn as we Can but till it is in our hands w^ch^: have hopes in 5 or 6 daies more will be effected ℔sently after w^ch^: y^e^ Cheif will leave this place & Come to you we are glad y^e^ ffalcon was at Barnagur & hope y^t^ She is long ere now before our factory & y^t^ you have or will be able Suddenly to prevaile w^th^: Some if not all y^e^ remaineing Commanders to bring up their Ships alsoe w^ch^: we Should be glad to have Confirmed by you haveing left instructions with you to y^t^ purpose we order if not already done y^t^ Ballasore may

have its full Share of Gold for y^e^ Investment appointed there Gold being here to be had at 13^rup^ : 2^a^ ℔ Mohur & (if to be Sold) Cheaper there will not be gott above 3 or 4000 ps of Cossaes and Mullmulls in this place to be returned this yeare as we understand to which will be necessary about Rups: 20000 w^ch^: if you Can dispose of Gold & Silver there if to be paid here by bill y^e^ better & (because there will be great Loss on Hugly money) pray doe but alwaies observe both for your Contracts there & in this ℔ticuler alsoe y^t^ you Sell a proportion (bearing to y^e^ whole Stock remaineing of both) of Gold & Silver & Soe you may be goeing in hand to Contract for Mullmulls of y^e^ desired lengths & breadths & quantity of Romauls (w^ch^ must not be less then one Covid & three quarters wide) & what quantities you Shall be able to get ready time enough (makeing your bargaine firme w^th^ Some words of more force then usuall) to goe on these Ships y^t^ is all to be in y^e^ house by y^e^ 10 of December next pray advise away to Cassumbazar there to lie till our Arrivall thither & not to be Sent forward hither for feare of missing y^e^ Cheif in his way hence, what Mullmulls & Romauls Contracted for in Hugly last yeare were deare Considering y^e^ Contract was for money wherefore pray take Care in y^t^ ℔ticuler in this ℔sent enordered Investm^t^ and get y^e^ Merchants Obligations drawn up Strictly as to measure goodness & time y^t^ Soe we may not be put to y^e^ Inconveniences of last yeare you will have long Since rec^d^ y^e^ Invoice & Bill of Ladeing of Ship ffalcon from Cassumbazar & we doubt not but you have rec^d^ & housed all y^e^ goods Come on her accordingly let noe one on any pretence whatsoever goe on board her to Search or See what goods She brought but we hope y^t^ Controversy were off on your Application to y^e^ Droga of y^e^ Customes, pray Send up to this factory 10 ps: Scarlet and 2 ps fine green there being absolute Occation for them & let y^e^ Cloth be good & as free from wormes as you Can alsoe Send 40 red & 20 ps green Ordinary broadcloth y^e^ rest let lie till y^e^ Cheif Comes as formerly advised if you Cannot dispose of treasure as expected at Hugly for your own & this factories Investment then Send all to Cassumbazar to be Sold there or minted at Rajamaul w^ch^ they shall find most for our Masters advantage & accordingly advise them & if assistants Come downe on these Ships Send them a factor & an assistant or two extraordinary [otherwise] Wee Call not else to mind Save y^t^ we are

Your Loveing ffriends

MAIT^a^: VINCENT

SA: HERVY

Those 4 Boyes Sent out if they Can write any thing tollerably as many of them as Can you may imploy them in Coppying &c^a^ till a better Supply of writers Can be had

The Ordinary Broadcloth 60 ps. you may omitt Sending except 6 h^a^: ps. of green w^ch^: Send away & if you Can Sell y^e^ treasure there as abovesaid then Send away 20000 Rup^s^ to this factory being what at ℔sent requisite

ÿdem: M: VINCENT

S: HERVY

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^

S^rs^

DACCA 17: AUGUST 1678.

Our last to you was of y^e^ 3^d^: Curiant yours of y^e^ 2^d^: ditto have Since rec^d^ together with y^e^ Hon^ble^: Compianies packet & y^e^ abstract of goods Come on y^e^ ffalcon you did very advised in takeing out & remitting to Hugly Said Ships Invoice & Bill of Ladeing what Treasure Sent you from Hugly pray Sell or mint as may be most

for our Masters advantage we haveing given necessary orders about Said thither here none will Sell or mint by reason of y^e^ Stop on y^e^ mint here assoone as you possibly Can pray remit hither to y^e^ amo^t^: of Rup^s^ 20000 & to Pattana 40000 Rup^s^ & to Hugly as they Shall advise w^ch^ if they omit to doe pray write to them about it on your receipt of treasure thence.

Our Neshaun after much trouble & expence we hope now to have in few daies when y^e^ Cheif will immediately Sett out hence & intends to take your factory God willing in y^e^ way we haveing rec^d^: noe orders yet Concerning Maulda from y^e^ Agency Can Say little to it though ꝑceive our Masters doe intend an Investment there wherefore you may if you Can be prepareing in reference to y^t^ against Advices Shall Come we Remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^: VINCENT

SA: HERVY

if you find it will take up to much time to Sell or mint y^e^ Treasure you may Send up to y^e^ amo^t^: of 40 or 50000 Rup^s^: to Pattana in Specie a proportion of Gold and Silver as you have received them from Hugly

ÿdem M: VINCENT

S: HERVY

M^R^: RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^

S^rs^

DACCA 17: AUGUST 1678.

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 3^d^: Currant to w^ch^: refer you we have Since rec^d^ yours of y^e^ 24^th^: ultimo together w^th^ y^e^ Hon^ble^: Companies packett by y^e^ ffalcon we doe not heare y^t^ your entries are yet arrived in Hugly w^ch^: if not done by this we shall much admire at & Condemne you for but we hope all y^e^ last yeares work is done & that you are busy about what enordered for this Shipping y^e^ Princes Neshaun hope to have in few daies more when y^e^ Cheif immediately intends hence to Hugly where you shall further heare from him we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^: VINCENT

SA: HERVY

M^R^ EDWARD READE &C^A^

S^rs^

DACCA 24^TH^: AUGUST 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 17 Currant to w^ch^: refer you we have Since rec^d^: yours of y^e^ 13 d^o^ & are glad y^e^ Ship ffalcon is Safely arrived before y^e^ factory & pray God to restore you all to your healths being Sorry to heare you are Sickly in those parts we note y^t^ you have Sent y^e^ Sloopes w^th^: Rich^d^ Trenchfeild againe to Ballasore Roade & have hopes they may returne accompanied w^th^ one or two of y^e^ other Europe Ships we feare want of health in Ballasore may have occationed y^e^ backwardness of business there, we have wrote effectually Some daies Since thither y^t^ if not already done they immediately Send you their wast entries y^t^ Soe all accounts may be finished as touching y^e^ Hon^ble^: Companys treasure we refer you to our last as also for y^e^ Investment to be made by you in Hugly.

Wee had rather you had Sent up Tho: Bromley (who is a writer & writes as good a hand as Tho: Collins did) then Jeremiah Peachie who is a factor our Orders being possitive for y^e^ former & not Generally to be overruled but where Somewhat extraordinary requires it in w^ch^: Case tis very adviseable Soe to doe however Since Jeremiah Peachy is there he may Stay to Coppy out those Bookes & then returne to Hugly in y^e^ meane time you may Send up Tho: Bromley on receipt of this & one or two of those Boyes y^t^ Came out to Serve on y^e^ Sloopes if they Can write to assist in Cassumbazar till better Supply Can be had & we hope there will be from y^e^ Coast.

We Shall take Care Concerning Seerbunds & Reangges here they being neither of them of y^e^ Manifacture of Ballasore.

Assoone as y^e^ Prince Sitts out againe w^ch^: he has done but once these 5 daies & then So little time as y^t^ his Officers missed y^e^ Oportunity of Speaking to him Concerning us we hope to have an Order for our Neshaun w^ch^: on all hands is promised us (though hindred what possible by y^e^ Dutch here by order as is reported from Hugly) & then in very few daies y^e^ Cheif intends God willing hence y^e^ Port of Hugly is Certainly the Princes Jaggeer as in our last advised you and we know not whither w^th^ Convenience to our Masters Affaires we Shall be able to refuse y^e^ Government of Hugly but if we doe accept it we Shall endeavour y^t^ it be as much as possibly without Danger of Dammage to their business we hope your Droga & Mu Shareef will be more Civill it will noe waies we assure them be for their advantage y^t^ we Complaine to Hodgee Zoffe Caun y^e^ Kings Duan Concerning them w^ch^: had you advised Sooner we would have done & he being our friend Should have had remedy but now tis to noe purpose it being the Princes Jaggeer in w^ch^: & thence all over Bengall his Neshaun protects us from all abuses of this kind we Call not else to mind Save y^t^ we are

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^: VINCENT

SA HERVY

The Chirurgeons Chest Sent us on y^e^ ffalcon we desire may be Carefully housed Soe y^t^ nothing may be wanting of what Came therein that Soe our Chirurgeon may Survay it & we from him may give an Acco^t^ thereof to our Hon^ble^ Masters accordingly.

ÿdem: M. VINCENT

S: HERVY

M^r^: EDWARD READE

S^r^

DACCA 7^TH^: SEPTEMBER 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 24^th^ ultimo Since w^ch^: we have received none from you and have onely to advise y^t^ after Sev^ll^: interposures & hindrances given us (as appeared to us on pretty good testimony) by Gungaram y^e^ Dutch Vaqueel, we had y^e^ 4^th^ Currant over Come all by our Seasonable application to y^e^ Princes Duan & to Hodgee Zoffee Caun y^t^ in a few daies our Neshaun would have been ready but y^e^ fifth Currant at night Came a ₱maund from y^e^ King to Hodgee Zoffee Caun in answer to his letter Concerning us & y^e^ next day our Vaqueel goeing to him to get y^e^ ₱wanna he had promised & ordered us Sealed he told him y^t^ y^e^ King had ordered us to be Custome free and y^t^ a Coppy of a ₱maund ordered or graunted our Vaqueel at Dilly was Come alsoe to him y^t^ we were to pay 2 ₱ Cent onely at Surratt & Rup^s^: 3000 yearly in Hugly [on] which we are now drawing out a new ₱wanna for

y^e^ Duan to give us & thereon y^e^ Princes Neshaun will alsoe by Gods Blessing naturally follow Soe y^t^ in a very few daies M^r^ Matt^s^ Vincent hopes to be Comeing hence Wee Call not else to mind at ℔ sent Soe rest

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT

SA: HERVY

M^R^: EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^

S^rs^ DACCA 18 SEPTEMBER 1678

Yours of y^e^ 9^th^ Currant Came to hands yesterday together w^th^ y^e^ Bill of exchange for Rup^s^ 10000 w^ch^ we Shall this day present & hope y^e^ remaineing 10000 Rup^s^ ordered for this factory will suddenly follow.

Wee are Sorry to heare of y^e^ death of M^r^: George Knipe & w^th^ you beseech God that [our] lives may be a preparation for our Change by ℔ticuler letters alsoe we understand y^t^ George Perrin is deceased in Ballasore Enclosed we have Sent you two Copies Chauped by y^e^ Cozzee of this place of a ℔wanna given us by Hodgee Zoffe Caun y^e^ Kings Duan here for our free trade in Bengall & Orixa w^ch^ is authentiqe to all intents in y^e^ Colsa or Kings rents one of them you may keep for your factory use y^e^ other pray dispeed immediately w^th^: a line or two in Gen^ll^: to Ballasore y^e^ Neshaun tho ordered & promised on all hands according to y^e^ Kings order we have not yet rec^d^: Such are y^e^: delaies of this Corrupt Durbar, Wee Call not else to mind but y^t^ we are

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT

SA: HERVY

M^R^: EDWARD READE &C^A^

S^rs^ DACCA 20^TH^ SEPTEMBER 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 7^th^: Currant Since which we have rec^d^: yours off y^e^ 31^st^: ultimo together w^th^: y^e^ two Bales q^t^ 10 ps Scarlet & 2 ps fine green & wish you had alsoe Sent y^e^ Course green Cloth w^ch^: we desire may be 4 h^as^: peices ℔ y^e^ next oportunity not to Send a boat on purpose therewith y^e^ Invoice you Sent w^th^: these last goods we rec^d^ but order y^t^ another be drawn out from y^e^ English & ffort Invoices of those peices you may prize them according to y^e^ rates of y^e^ Same Sort Sent Some y^e^ other yeare w^ch^ alsoe you may doe in y^t^ ℔cell of 17 Bales of Broadcloth you Sent up Some time Since if occation Soe require you then advised y^t^ they Contained 102 halfe peices but we in opening found y^m^ but 101 p^s^ y^e^ peice wanting is red pray make good enquire there & advice y^e^ needfull Sending a full Invoice both for y^t^ Cloth & y^e^ fine Cloth in one.

The Princes Neshaun after many delaies occationed by Corruption of this Durbar now wants nothing but Chauping we hope in y^e^ meane time our Masters Investm^ts^ with you are in good forwardness according to their orders & what we noted to you in ours of y^e^ 17 last month haveing not else to add we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT

SA HERVY

M^R: Job Charnock &c^A

Loveing ffriends Dacca 28^TH: Septemb^R 1678

. Our last to you was dated y^e 3^d ultimo to w^ch: we refer you Since that date received none from you of our Success here we Some time agone gave order to our friends at Cassumbazar to give you a Small Acco^t & it hath pleased God Soe far to bless our endeavours as y^t: y^e Princes Neshaun for our free trade in Bengall &c^a: is Chauped y^e Cheif now Staying here onely for his dispatch, y^e Said Neshaun was brought y^e easier to pass & penned more in our favour by reason of an Husbull Hookum lately rec^d: from y^e King by Hodgee Zoffee Caun his Duan on an Arzdasht made by him to y^e King Concerning us there being w^th Said Husbull hookum Sent a Copie of Sha Jehauns ℔maund given us in y^e 24^th yeare of his reigne for our being Custome free all over his Dominions Surratt and all alsoe a Copie of Jaffer Cauns y^e Visiers ℔wanna graunted us by order of y^e: King in the ningth yeare of his reigne for our paying 3 ℔Cent Custome in Surratt &c^a together with a Copie of a Phirmaund granted us by Aurung Zeb himself in y^e tenth yeare of his reigne for our paying Custome at Surratt &c^a: at y^e rate of 2 ℔ Cent all which the King himselfe has interpreted to reach these parts ordering y^e Duan y^t we pay Custome in noe other place *place* [*sic*] of his Dominions Save 2 ℔ Cent on y^e Surratt Side together w^th: Rup^s: 3,000 yearly acknowledgment at Hugly w^ch: being laid together we incline to belof y^e Opinion y^t y^e king will not give us any new ℔maund for Bengall apart nor will there be any great necessity y^t we Can yett See for it he himself haveing interpreted his fathers & his own ℔maunds Soe much in our favour & this Princes Neshaun being grounded thereon & very possitive for our not paying Custome in these Countries Soe y^t we Judge if from y^e Vaqueel at Dilly Some Copies attested or Chauped [by] the great Cozzee of y^t Court to y^e Number of five Could be procured of y^e three papers above mentioned or at least of Aurung Zeebs ℔maund granted us in y^e 10^th: yeare of his reigne aforesaid we Can apprehend noe necessity of a new ℔maund for our Masters affaires in these parts esteeming them now laid on a pretty Sure foundation dureing this Kings reigne & therefore when y^e mentioned attested Copies of those three papers Shall be procured as above discoursed we Judge there will be noe further Occation of your Vaqueel at Dilly but y^t he may bring them unto you y^e business he was Sent thither upon being Soe happily accomplished but of this you may expect further advices from us at Hugly in w^ch interim recommend it to your Consideration and desire your Opinion in y^e whole & if you Jump w^th: us you may recall him immediately.

In a Gen^ll: letter received 8 daies Since in this place y^e Worp^ll: Agent & Cou[ncell] have been pleased to write in a Clause (w^ch Concernes y^e ℔sent Settlement of y^e Hon^ble: Com[p^as:] Servants in Bengall) Concerning M^r Job Charnock in these words Viz^t.

"The Hon^ble: Company haveing ordered us to fill up y^e Councell here by Calling "up the Second of Metchlepatam or y^e Bay according to their established Rules we "doe find according to y^e Settlement they have now made y^t it fall to M^r Matt^s: "Vincents turne as Second in y^e Bay by y^e Comp^as: list to fill up y^e Councell at "y^e ffort & we looke upon him as Such but M^r Clavell whome y^e Hon^ble: Company "have appointed Cheif of y^e Bay being dead y^e 4^th: 5^th or 6^th of y^e ffort Councell "is to be appointed Cheif of y^e Bay Soe y^t if M^r: Vincent were here amongst "us it would fall to him & therefore we have appointed him to be Cheif of y^e "Bay So that we are Still wanting of one to Supply y^e 5^th: place of Councell here "& we find it falls next to M^r Job Charnock as 2^d: in y^e Bay to fill up y^t place "and therefore we offer it to him according to y^e Hon^ble: Companies orders to Come "up to Supply y^e 5^th: place in Councell here & if he had rather remaine as he is "Cheif at Pattana he must then Signifie Soe much in writing under his hand to be "Sent to your Selfes & us & if M^r Charnock doe accept of this offer to Come up to take "y^e 5^th: place in Councell here then we leave it to you to Send either M^r Edwards "or M^r: Peacock to be Cheif at Pattana & if you Send M^r Edwards to be Cheif at "Pattana then we appoint M^r: Peacock to be Cheif at Ballasore & M^r: ffytch "Nedham to be fourth at Hugly he being next in degree to Succeed into y^t Councell "& we desire you in this ℔ticuler to have noe respect to ℔sons or to any other

"interest Save ye Honble: Companies but to Send wch: of them too to Pattana you "find most fitt & Capable to manage yt business it being of great importance to ye "Honble: Compas affaires & will very much Concerne our own reputations to have "an able man to Secure ye Saltpeter Investments yeerly & if Mr Charnock resolves "to leave yt place we think it necessary yt ye person you appoint to Succeed him "Should be up there & receive all needfull advices from Mr Charnock in yt affaire "before he leaves it & in Such Case we expect & desire Mr Charnock would returne "to us upon those Ships but if he refuse this offer & had rather remaine in Pattana "he must give Such his refuseall in writing under his hand as aforesaid & upon "notice thereof we Shall then Consider to Call in Such an one whose turne tis next "either at Metchlepatam or in ye Bay to be of Councell here.

Wee heare * nothing of your haveing dispeeded ye Saltpeter to Hugly wch we admire at though hope ye first ℔cell may ere this be at or nigh yt place & yt ye latter ℔cell may alsoe be gott ready & Sent downe time enough to be in Hugly by ye latter end of next month.

The 20th: Currant we had advise here of ye Arrivall of ye Williamson ye Society and Nathaniel all Ships of about 600 Tonns burthen, ye falcon as you will have already heard Came up before Hugly factory ye 6th ultimo & rides there we feare noe other of ye Ships will be induced up this yeare for want of necessary orders from their owners the Commanders themselfes Seeming, otherwise very willing to adventure in ours of ye 3d: last month we advised what goods our Honble Masters required from your factory to be Sent home by these Ships wch: we hope you have gotten ready we Call not else to mind at ℔sent hopeing Suddenly to heare from you we Remaine

Your very Loveing ffriends

Matts Vincent

Sa: Hervy

Copies of ye two prementioned Phirmaunds & ℔ wanna together wth: ye Kings Husbull Hookum to Hodgee Zoffee Caun his Duan here Come inclosed according to wch you may order your Vaquel at Court to get Copies attested as aforesaid

ydem M: V

S: H

Mr: Samll: Hervy &ca

Srs

Cassumbazar 8th: October 1678.

The 6th: Instant ye Cheif arrived here in safety & this day procee is towards Hugly Mr: John Pounsett being by ye Worpll: Agent & Councell appointed third of your factory we have dispeeded him to you & doe order yt he be imployed by you in ye Said quallity & yt you deliver to him ye warehouse &ca Charges Genll according to ye order made in Consultation here in Cassumbazar when ye Agent was present.

The 26th: past month there was remitted to you hence 10701 Rups in 3 Bills which hope ere this you will have remitted into your Cash.

The Bookes of your factory are yet wanting wch: let be Sent to Hugly assoone as possible the Genll bookes for ye Bay lying as yet open wch: we would willingly have Closed now Suddenly we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd Littleton

* All which we leave to your Consideration, & doe desire & expect Mr Charnocks full & possitive answer in ye premises yt we may advise ye Worpll Agent & Councell [*one word lost*] & if occation be take timely [Care according to 3d.] orders about Settlement of yt factory.

Mr: Richard Edwards
Esteemed ffriend

Hugly: October 14th: 1678.

Yours of ye 30th past month arrived hither ye 9th: Currant & was not answered because ye Cheif was daily expected & ye 10th; instant he arrived hither with ye Princes Neshaun for our Masters tradeing Custome free.

Wee have recd: your wast entries but Suppose you omitted to put up your Cash Accots for none Came in ye packett.

You doe very well to prize ye Goods & pray hasten to Sort all & gett them ready assoone as you Can If Cullian Ray bring in goods for ye Honble: Company upon his debt he will receive money for them wch: will be ye Same as if he received ready money from Mr Clavell for his debt to him.

Wee hope are in good forwardness & will Suddenly be both here else they will not Come to doe Service this Moonsoone wherefore pray hasten them to be finished assoone as may be.

Wee now order you to make an Outcry of Mr Perrins goods & necessaries & keep a just accot of ye Sales advising all yt buy yt they must pay ready money.

The Accot of Treasure & goods landed wth: you we have recd but by it cannot ₱fect an Invoice till you Send Accot of ye Tin in Baggs & Barrells Totanague & Copper plates how many [Ot] each Conts: ye markes not being you Say to be discovered wherefore Send ye weight ₱ first.

[When Norala Caun arrives with you he must be visited & presented as Customary to other Nabobs & you must then Sollicite him for his ₱wanna according as his predecessors has given us.]

Our Honble: Masters desire in all 10000ps Sannoes of 32 Covets long & doe not Signifie their pleasures of haveing more of one Sort then another wherefore you may receive them from ye Merchants in proportions as equall as you Can of ye 3 Sorts Vizt Harrapore Mohunpore & Sura Sannos.

Though you write now for fuller orders Concerning ye provideing of Coulored Ginghams & Nillees yet we hope you understood them before Soe well as yt our Masters will not faile of ye full quantities of each they enorder vizt Coloured Ginghams (of divers Cloth Colours) 10000ps & as many peices of Nillees & we are glad to heare you shall be able to gett them at near ye Same abatemts: you doe Sannos Vizt about 25 ₱ Cent & upon these or as good termes as you possibly Can make you may deliver out money as you See Occation to Such of ye towne Merchants as we usually deale withall & those whome you find in good Creditt and repute & what goods you Can putt off to any of them you must prize at the Bazar rates as if Sold for ready money & not otherwise yt ye Merchants may not pretend anything to raise their goods ye higher for takeing ours.

Wee have lately had Advise from Mr Charnock yt he Can provide noe Turmerick at Pattana ye Season being passed wherefore we order you to buy thereof what possible betwen ye Arrivall of this & ye 10 December next not exceeding 100 Tons, & alsoe wee order you to provide as much of ye blackest Stick lack as you Can by ye Same time not exceeding 150 Tonns & for paying for all ye abovementioned Goods you must Sell ye Honble: Companies Royalls & Gold at best rates possibly you Can & put yt of to ye Merchts for their goods wch: will be at Something better rate then to Sell to Sheroffs for we from hence are not able to Supply you wth: money being in most places forced to take up at interest for our Masters Occations whilst their Gold & Silver is minted If you Can agree for 4 or 500 ps: of Casharree Romauls to be ready by ye 10th Xber next (or Can buy any ready made we order you to procure them of ye Sorts usually Sent home from 5 to 6½ Rups: ₱ peice.

Wee take notice what answer ye Merchants give Concerning Mr: Trenchfeild & Shall accordingly doe him right he haveing Sent up & landed there all our Masters treasure & goods as we ordered him he may take ye first Oportunity to Come up hither & we would have you advise him to bring up his necessaries alsoe being occation for his removeall to Dacca factory.

Wee observe what you write Concerning y^e^ punch houses & would have you take order to hinder all above 2 or 3 from Selling punch & oblige y^e^ others y^t^ are necessary to entertaine Seamen y^t^ they Shall Sell none but what is made with factory Arrack y^t^ they make y^e^ best for our people & not kill them w^th^ Dutry [&c^a^ & it would be well if you Could alsoe make a moderate price w^th^ those punchhouses you suffer y^t^ they may not exact & abuse y^e^ seam[en] and for Andrew Ramsey] who has been Soe abusive & done Soe much mischeif among y^e^ natives & others we order you to put him in Irons & Send him aboard y^e^ Admirall to be carried to y^e^ [ffort]. And understanding y^t^ one John Vandervell (who lately running from the English Service to Dacca & there being not knowne finding kind entertainement in y^t^ factory in y^e^ night opened a Scrittore of M^r^ Nedhams & Stole out 25 or 26 Gold Mohurs) is now alsoe in Ballasore we order you to put him in Irons & Send him aboard y^e^ Vice Admirall to be Carried to y^e^ ffort resolving not to Suffer any Such base Rogues & theifs to escape unpunished or to live here amongst us.

M^r^ Bugden & his Brother in law have made a Complaint to us of Some injustice done them by M^r^ John Smith in Seizure of some of his goods lately Come from Maldives where in they alleage M^r^ Edwards has bin instrumentall in assisting M^r^ Smith we are unwilling to beleive any Such Charge Should Stick to either ℔ son & order y^t^ you Send us your reply thereto ℔ next till when we Shall Suspend our further Censures & orders therein. If y^e^ writors & Seamen are not yet Come away you may detaine Charles Eyres for y^e^ assistance of y^t^ factory & Send up all y^e^ rest & we order M^r^ Peacock to provide himself to Come hither when we advise him intending as Soon as Conveniently we Can to Send M^r^ Byam for Second & Matthew Sheppard for 3^d^ of y^t^ factory.

Wee earnestly recommend to you to hasten what possible y^e^ Investment this yeare enordered in Ballasore y^t^ y^e^ Ships may not be detained on y^t^ Score longer then y^e^ 14^th^ or 16 of December.

Wee order you to be punctuall & frequent in your Correspondency & advices on all Occations of our Hon^ble^ : Masters affaires.

The Hon^ble^ : Company have ordered y^t^ M^r^ John Smith be discharged their Service & Sent for England by these Ships or to y^e^ ffort there to remaine one year longer if he desires it we order you in publiq to acquaint him therewith & let him know wee expect his Complyance with Said orders.

M^r^ : Perrin lately deceased tooke y^e^ Acco^t^ of M^r^ Ruttons Outcry & we would have you look amongst his papers for y^e^ Same & Send it up to us ℔ y^e^ next.

With ours of y^e^ 15^th^ : June last we sent you an Acco^t^ : rec^d^ : from M^r^ : Trenchfeild of y^e^ prizes of Embaleing Materialls & have now returned y^e^ Acco^t^ : you Sent us given in by y^e^ Merch^ts^ y^t^ you may Compare y^m^ together & advise us if any difference be therein.

Wee desire you to gett 10 or 12 good Skins of Vellum or parchment & Send us ℔ first being wanted for Covers to bookes we Call not else to mind rest

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ : VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

Acquaint M^r^ Trenchfeild y^t^ y^e^ Totanague from y^e^ Society Came out here but 299 peices Soe y^t^ he must demand one peice more.

M^r^ : EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^
S^rs^

HUGLY : 18 : OCTOBER 1678

On these five boates in Charge of ten peons we have dispeeded to you what of our Hon^ble^ : Masters Treasure remaineing here (being after more then a months waiting) of hopes to find any vend for it in this place we leave it to you either to

Sell it at Cassumbazar or to Send it to Rajamaul to have it Coined there w^ch^ : you Shall think will be most for our Masters advantage & y^e^ Spediest way to put them in Cash we being already at Interest here & Still wanting more money w^ch^ : we must take up till Can be Supplyed by you we have noe factors to Spare at ℔ sent to Send with y^e^ treasure to Rajamaul & therefore if you Can agree as you intimate in yours of y^e^ 16 rec^d^ : here last night it may doe well we Shall give an answer more fully to y^t^ by land this Comeing w^th^ : y^e^ treasure w^ch^ Consists of 21 Chests Silver all amounting as ℔ accompanying Invoice to Rup^s^ 163995 : 6 : 9 for w^ch^ : shall debet your factory Soe remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ : READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

The Manjees noat for y^e^ Treasure Comes inclosed

M^R^ : EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^
S^rs^ HUGLY 19 OCTOBER 1678

Wee wrote you yesterday by y^e^ Treasure boates when Sent 21 Chest Bullion amounting as ℔ Invoice then omitted by now enclosed Sent you to Rup^s^ 163995 : 6 : 9 being glad you have Come to an agreement w^th^ : a Merchant there to take your Silver according as it Comes out finer or Course^r^ at y^e^ Standard of Royalls of $\frac{8}{8}$ y^e^ Cheif here has made Sev^ll^ : essaies while he was at Cassumbazar & alwaies found Royalls better then Standard by $\frac{1}{2}$ a Ruttee in a Rupee w which is neerest $1\frac{1}{2}$ d^w^ better according to which you may make your agreement & if at y^e^ mint at Rajamaul it Should Come out as good as Royalls (which you may take Care to be enformed off) you may account with your Merchant accordingly, twill not be difficult we Suppose to make your agreem^t^ Somewhat in this nature it being y^e^ first of this sort y^t^ was ever Contracted but if it Comes out well as we hope it will there will be y^e^ less trouble in disposeing our Masters Silver in y^e^ future Since if y^e^ Merchants Can be brought to take it upon y^e^ Creditt of our Invoice there will yearly be much time Saved w^ch^ : now we are faine to Spend & most times fruitlessly in makeing essaies &c^a^.

The Barrell of Arnotto & N^o^ : P & y^e^ Barrell of potashes N^o^ : K Shall write to Ballasore Concerning one of y^e^ Beames & Scales Sent out ℔ this Shipping we have Sent on y^e^ Boates w^th^ : y^e^ Treasure

What Cochaneel Come instead of Soape as formerly we advised to England you may Send us downe reserving Soe much of it as you Shall have occation for our Masters haveing ordered us to Send it by Some Conveyance to Surratt we Call not else to mind at ℔sent Save y^t^ we are

Your very loveing ffriends
MATT^S^ VINCENT
EDW^D^ : READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN

If you Can on y^e^ abovementioned Contract for Treasure receive & furnish us w^th^ 20 or 30000^Rups^ it would doe exceeding well y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ Investm^t^ : in this factory exceedingly requiring it.

ydem : M : VINCENT
E READE
E BUGDEN

M^r^ JOB CHARNOCK &c^a^

Loveing ffriends HUGLY 20^TH^. OCTOBER 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 28^th^ ultimo Since w^ch^ on y^e^ 10^th^: Currant M^r^: Matt^s^: Vincent arrived hither w^th^: y^e^ Princes Neshaun Coppy of w^ch^: Comes inclosed one Chauped by y^e^ Cozzee of Dacca Shall God willing Suddenly follow y^e^ Saltpeter boates (two of which it pleased God were Cast away Comeing down w^th^ 1375 baggs fine peter) are now all unladen & y^e^ Number agrees with y^e^ Acco^t^: you Sent thereof we earnestly expect y^e^ 3000^mds^ you write off & hope in a little time to see y^t^ ℔cell here with Some Addition made thereto we are very Sorry to heare of y^e^ troubles & affronts mentioned y^t^ you have met with in yours of y^e^ 6^th^: ultimo & doe hope Zeif Cauns Governm^t^: will after a little Settlement make good his first Character as for y^e^ princes people abuseing you it might in Some measure be expected they makeing y^e^ best of their Markets their Master being Soe far distant while their Government lasted.

Wee hope what wanting in y^e^ quantity of Peter desired & ordered by our Masters this Yeare will though you being timely furnished with Stock & y^e^ Governm^t^: of your parts a little better Setled be got ready y^e^ next we have alwaies thought this y^e^ time of yeare for turmerick & have written to Ballasore as well as to you to procure Some Broadcloth we hope will rise there being none Come out of England this yeare nor for what we understand will y^e^ next, Stock we have enordered in Specie from Cassumbazar & Shall now write them to make what last they Sent you to y^e^ amo^t^: of Rup^s^: 60000 & as y^e^ treasure now Sent all thither Shall Come forth of y^e^ mint (for we Can Sell little or none) you Shall not faile to be furnished with y^e^ full Stock enordered to y^t^ factory those Commodities wee Sent you up had as good lie Still w^th^: you as here besides y^t^ we find y^t^ goods being dispersed Some into every factory doe goe off insensibly. The Princes Governm^t^: what it may prove in Bengall we know not he seemes hitherto to take great Notice & Stand in much aw of his fathers orders we wish he Continues noe worse then he has begun he being at ℔sent very favorable to our business in these parts assoone as you Can we desire you to Send us an Invoice of y^e^ peter &c^a^: papers as formerly written you, Concerning y^e^ Vaqueel at Dilly & y^e^ great demand (he advises you) are made him for procureing y^e^ Kings ℔maund for our tradeing Custome free in India we Shall forbear Speaking any thing till heare what your Opinion is whither it does not hit with ours as Sent you in ours of y^e^ 28^th^: ultimo we all Judgeing y^t^ there is noe great need of more then we have if we Can but gett Copies attested or Chauped by y^e^ Cozze of Dilly of y^e^ ℔maunds ℔wanna & y^e^ Kings late Husbull Hookum thereupon to y^e^ Duan of Bengall according to y^e^ Copies of each of them lately Sent you being halfe Certaine that wherever in Bengall y^e^ Princes Neshaun Shall prove of Small force y^e^ Kings ℔maund will signifie nothing.

If we Could have dispozed of any amo^t^: of treasure either at Cassumbazar or any other place hereabouts we Should never have troubled you w^th^: treasure in Specie but Since it Could not be we Chose this way that y^e^ worke being in many hands may y^e^ Sooner be done & Since treasure especially Gold is in So low esteem at ℔sent tis good y^e^ Hon^ble^ Company Should See y^e^ Markett of every place for takeing up money at Interest where our Masters Occations doe absolutely require it there is a Standing order in Such Case it being very adviseable.

If you Can possibly gett 3 or 4000^mds^ or a greater or lesser quantity of Saltpeter ready to Send thence (more then what you have already advised us off) Soe as to arrive hither by y^e^ end of December it would be a good peice of Service to y^e^ Comp^a^: in that we Could Send it up to y^e^ ffort by y^e^ Sloopes there to ly for a Bantam or homeward Ship y^e^ next yeare this thing is very much & often urged by our Masters & therefore we desire you to Stir in it & advise us in time y^t^ we may order y^e^ Sloopes to Come & ly at Hugly y^e^ earlier in expectation thereof we Call not else to mind Save y^t^ we are

Your very Loveing ffriends.

MATT^S^: VINCENT

EDW^D^: READE

EDM^D^ BUGDEN

Mr: Samuel Hervy &c^{a} Hugly 20th: October 1678.

Srs

Wee have recd: yours of ye ℔mo & 4th: Currant Mr: Matts: Vincent arriveing hither ye 10th: Currant & are Sorry you missed ye Chauped Copies of ℔maunds this husbull hookum &ca we must therefore now expect them from Surratt or Dilly to both wch: places we Shall write & take order Concerning them we Should be glad to heare you had procured a Dustick for Coynage at your mint & yt it were obeyed according to former use & Custome ye Coconutts & long Nulls we have againe written to Ballasore about where we Suppose they may be ready to Come ℔ ye next oportunity we note ye receipt of a bill for 6091¾ rups: accot: our Honble: Masters as alsoe that you are receiveing ye 1000 Rups: Sent by bill for Said Accot from Cassumbazar & yt you are paying money on Accot: to ye Brokers whose Cloth you have in ye house & are about looking over, we hope ye Second Rups 10000 Sent you lately from Cassumbazar may now be accepted & received alsoe.

Wee are not Sorry for Mellick Cassums being turned out of ye Government of this place & have hopes by your writing yt he has now nothing but his Munsub left that he is likewise outed from Ballasore too.

Wee have written to Ballasore for those timbers you Shall want for ye penthouse & as Soone as they Come shall Send them forward.

Pray Send away 4 attested Copies of ye Princes Neshaun yt wch Mr: Matts: Vincent brought with him being left at Cassumbazar & we being forced for want of Copies Send ye Originall or nothing ye Copies attested by a towns cozzee availeing little in ye Country.

Wee have appointed Mr ffytch Nedham to be 2d of Cassumbazar Mr Trenchfeild 2d of Dacca & Mattw: Sheppard 3d of Ballasore we desire Mr Nedham may assoon as possible be sent away to his charge but you may detaine Mattw: Sheppard till Mr Trenchfeild & another writer Can arrive with you we haveing written for ye former from Ballasore where he now is. Wee have enclosed Sent you a bill of exchange payable at Sight for 6000 Rups accot of Honble Masters for wch: pray give Accot: Currant Creditt wch: is all at ℔sent from

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd: Reade

Edmd Bugden

Mr: Edward Littleton &c^{a}

Loveing ffriends Hugly 20th: October 1678

Wee order you assoone as our Honble: Masters treasure Shall arrive wth you or out of what remaineing with you yt you Send away to Such amot: in Gold or Silver to Mr Job Charnock &cs at Pattana ⅓ of wch: (if you send any) to be Gold as may make ye last ℔cell you Sent 60000 Rups: & let it be sent timely enough yt our friends at Pattana may not have reason to blame us for not furnishing them wth: Stock according to our Masters orders in due time we Call not else to mind Save yt we are

Your very Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent

Edwd Reade

Edmd: Bugden

GEORGE HERRON HUGLY: OCTOBER 21ST: 1678

Haveing of late had Notherly winds & faire weather ye full moone being over gives us hopes yt ye Moonsoone may be Changed & therefore we have laden ye Ketch Arrivall with ye Honble: Companies Saltpeter & upon receipt hereof we order you to goe on board her & proceed for Ballasore Roade wth: as Convenient Speed as may be but because the Season of ye yeare makes ye weather Somewhat uncertaine we order you to take especiall heed before you proceed out from ye Isle of Cocks & take ye fittest time according to ye best of your Judgement And when it pleases God you arrive in Ballasore roade we order you if ye weather be faire to put Seaven hundreed & fifty baggs of peter into ye Williamson the rest on board ye Society but in Case ye weather Should be likely to prove bad then put all ye peter on board ye Williamson if Can else on ye first English Ship you Can or as much of it as possible & takeing a Convenient ladeing of lead from ye Europe Ships returne into the river againe assoone as you Can & hasten up hither wth all Convenient Speed we wish you a Safe Voyage & Remaine

Capt: Thomson takes his passage on your Sloope to Ballasore roade to whome we order you to give ye best Accommodation ye Vessel affords

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Your Loveing ffriends
MATTS: VINCENT
EDWD READE
EDMD BUGDEN

MR: EDWARD LITTLETON &CA

SRS HUGLY 25 OCTOBER 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 20th: Currant Since wch: we have from aboard ye ffalcon mett with a throwster John Elliot by name who Saies he Served nine yeares to ye trade & has been a foreman of a Shop we have Sent him up to you to make tryall as far as you have oportunity for his Skill if you think he may doe our Masters good Service there ye Commander is willing to part with him if you doe not find him for your turne Send him againe hither however you may about ye latter end of November let him Come downe to Cleare himself if he Staies from ye Ship or if otherwise to proceed upon her we Call not else to mind at ꝑsent Save yt we are

Your very Loveing ffriends
MATTS: VINCENT
EDWD READE

MR SAMLL: HERVY &CA

SRS HUGLY 28th: OCTOBER 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 20th: Currant to wch refer you Since wch we have recd yours of ye 15th: do: & hope yt you have recd: all ye money remitted you by bill from Cassumbazar & yt by virtue of what orders ye Cheif left with you ye first imprest to your weavers for Cloth against next yeare is accomplished we are Sorry you Can bring your mint affaire to noe good upshott in which respect we Shall not order you any Gold or Silver in Specie from Cassumbazar as we once intended & agreed on in Consultation the Stop upon ye mint Surely we think Cannot Continue much longer in yt there will be occation for ye Princes pice & then he must make them Currant.

Barnardass will we feare prove a bad Governour at Muxodavad he being as you write reputed an ill humored & a very Covetous ꝑson Soe yt we hope they will yett find him an employ Somewhere else further off from our business we wish Mellick Cassum had Continued as you last advised out of place but we have hopes his string is pulled he haveing nothing but his ffouzdarry left in this place.

Your bookes we hope are on y^e^ way & papers we Shall want them to Close our Gen^ll^ : bookes they Standing open to this day we are

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ : VINCENT

EDW^D^ : READE

Just as we were Shutting up these Came yours of y^e^ 18^th^ : Currant w^th^ : y^e^ 3 attested Copies of y^e^ Princes Neshaune & y^e^ Acco^t^ of y^e^ expence of y^e^ Seerpaws given last w^th^ : y^e^ Neshaun we Should be hugely glad to have your newes of Hodgee Zoffee Caun Confirmed much doubting y^e^ truth thereof

ÿdem M : V

E : R

M^R^ RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^ :

S^rs^

HUGLY 29^th^ : OCTOBER 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 14^th^ Currant Since w^ch^ : we have none from you these are Cheifly to enorder you to Call your Banian Herrechurne & enquire of him where those 26 Iron Gunns of y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Companies are y^t^ Come on y^e^ Johannah & Loyall, Subject & have laine Soe long unsold by reason of their being hony Combed & broken, these pray let be well veiwed by y^e^ Commanders now there & take an attestation of the quallities of them that is how many are broken & how many honey Comb'd under Said Commanders firmes to be Sent to our Hon^ble^ : Masters for their Satisfaction alsoe enquire Strictly of Herrechurne how many of them Came out of y^e^ one Ship & how many out of y^e^ other y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Company Expecting there is Some abuse put upon them in y^e^ thing they never as they this yeare write haveing Sent out any Such gunns.

Wee order you to provide 40 mds of Bees wax & 3 Butts of y^e^ best double distilled Arrack for y^e^ Coast to be sent upon these Ships.

Wee this day understood by y^e^ Dutch from Dacca y^t^ Jan Espell who was Merchant of the Ship Carolus Quintus w^ch^ : Sunck lately in her returne from Achin is clapt up in prison at Dacca on pretence of not Suffering Some of y^e^ Said Ships laskars to Come into y^e^ boate when they left y^e^ Ship in y^e^ Sea or thrusting them out when they Crowded aboard more then y^e^ boat Could Carry but Suppose on y^e^ Dutch presenting their piscash he will be gott off however we have hinted this to you y^t^ you may order John Knowleman to keep on board y^e^ English Ships or otherwise out of y^e^ way till this matter be over in y^t^ though nothing Can be thereupon done to y^e^ Dutch or us yet they may give us both trouble of w^ch^ we shall be more Sensible at this busy time of y^e^ yeare then at any other hopeing to heare Suddenly from you we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^ VINCENT

EDW^D^ READE

S^r^ :

a Coppy of y^e^ new Neshaun Chauped or attested by y^e^ Cozzee of Dacca have herewith Sent you

ÿdem : M : V

E R

Mr Edward Littleton &c.

Respected ffriends Hugly 31st: October 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 25th. Currant we have Since recd: yours of ye 26th: Dto & are glad ye 21 Chests Treasure are Safely arrived with you if ye Merchants will not take Standard Silver at less then 2dwt worse then Royalls of $\frac{8}{9}$ & you doe refer it to an essay to be made at Rajamaul let it not be referred to one essay nor yt to an essay of 1Rup: weight each but to three essaies of each & those to be of ye Chucktees or peices of Silver of 91 Rups: weight at ye mint wch: are essayed ere they goe into ye Gozausht to be made into Rups & let ye Medium of ye diffirence made in those essaies be your rule & then you Cannot err Soe much as you may in those Small essaies of 1Rup weight each pray let this be thus done & advise us ye issue ye way of Agreement you are about to make with ye Merchant we approve off exceeding well.

The Rups 15000 you Sent in Charge of Mr Mohun we have received & as you Can expect a further Supply as we formerly ordered wch is all at ℔sent from

Your very Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent
Edwd: Reade

Mr Richd Edwards &c.

Srs Hugly 6 November 1678

Our last to you was dated ye 29th ultimo Since wch on entring your wast Journall ℔cells lately Sent up hither into ye Ballasore bookes made up this yeare by Mr Bugden we find your Sevll: good debts to be as ℔ ye enclosed Accot wch: we have Sent you that you may thereby demand what is due from ye [sevll persons] indebted we very much admire at your Silence now upward of a months Standing & it being now ye time of action & requiring more frequent advices then at other times we expect good reasons for it hopeing ye Investments this yeare made & what due on last yeares remaines as ℔ ye forementioned Accot: are now all in ye house & almost embaled up noe newes of ye Sloope Ganges or Lilly your great neglect in giveing us due & timely advices putts us very much to a Stand not knowing what Judgement to make of our Masters affaires under your Management we remaine Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent
Edwd: Reade
Edmd Bugden
Richd Mohun

Mr: Richd: Edwards &c.

Srs Hugly ye 6th: Novemb 1678

This we send you by Mr Zephs: Hilton who Came lately Supra Cargoe of ye Ship Maldiva Merchant from ye Maldivas & order you yt upon your receipt hereof he hath delivered one third of ye Said Vessell & Cargoe wth: ye freight Cowries &cs into his possession, Mr John Smith ye other ℔t owned deducting ye $\frac{2}{3}$ds of ye Said freight Cowries &cs alsoe lett all ye Laskarrs Cowries be delivered them that we may have noe further Complaints not else from

Your assured Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent
Edwd: Reade
Edmd: Bugden
Richd: Mohun

Mr: Smiths ℔t: of ye Ship & Stock we order you to Secure in ye factory till our further order.

ÿdem M: V
E: R
E: B
R: M

Mr John Threder Hugly 8th: Novembr: 1678

There is laden upon ye Sevll: Vessells undermentioned 2600 Baggs of Saltpeter wch: you are to lade on Board ye English Ships in Ballasore Roade as follo: viz^{t}

	Upon ye Williamson ...	200 baggs out of ye Arrivall
		35 ,, Dto out of ye Mary Catch
		555
555 baggs		
1245		
800	Upon ye Nathaniel ...	600 baggs out of ye St: George
		400 out of ye Princess
2600 baggs in all		245 out of ye Mary Catch
		1245
	Upon ye Society ...	800 baggs out of ye Arrivall

You are to observe how many Baggs are Marked as in ye Margent & take rects for that as treble refined peter & ye rest twice boiled wch: has noe marke.

When you unlade ye Sloopes abovementioned you are to put lead or Ballast if lead be wanting into ym: out of ye English Ships Sufficient to Ballast them to returne hither we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

Matts: Vincent
Edwd: Reade
Edmd: Bugden
Richd: Mohun

Herewith is delivered you a ꝑticuler of other goods laden upon ye Arrivall wth: order how each Sort are to be Shipped on board ye English Ships of wch: & all other goods yt Shall be Sent downe this Moonsoone you are to keep exact Accot: in a booke apart for each ship wherein you must note ye Markes & Numbers of each Sort of goods ꝑticulerly by name and as you lade them you are to take receipts in ye Same Bookes for them & by returne of ye Sloopes Send up Copies of those receipts hither & be Sure to Compare your receipts from ye English Ships wth: your Advices from hence yt you may be able to See if any goods Should be wanting or misladen

Mr Edwards &ca at Ballasore have orders to Send all Goods off to you wt: advice how to lade them of wch you must in ye Same Bookes keep exact Accot: as above directed for those goods from hence & you must Send to them Copies of those receipts you take for ye Ballasore Goods.

Wee have ordered y^e^ Commanders not to force any goods from y^e^ Boates or Vessells as has been done formerly but to receive from you what we order you to lade on board them & we doubt not of their Complyance pray be very Carefull herein & what you Send back in y^e^ Sloopes advise us & what else may be necessary wishing you health we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT
EDW^D^: READE
EDM^D^: BUGDEN
RICH^D^: MOHUN

MR: RICH^D^: EDWARDS &C^A^

S^rs^ HUGLY 9^TH^: NOVEMBER: 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 6^th^: Currant this Comes by y^e^ Arrivall on whome we have Sent M^r^: John Threder to take an Acco^t^: & receipts on board of y^e^ Europe Ships of & for what goods we Shall now y^e^ Moonsoone is over be Sending hence as alsoe for what you Shall Send aboard thence.

By a ℔ticuler rec^d^: from M^r^: Edwards we find y^t^ you have not been idle there haveing to y^e^ 30^th^: ultimo packed 70 Bales of our Masters goods & y^t^ you are daily hard at it w^ch^: we are glad to understand & Commend you for but Cannot however acquit you from y^e^ imputation of negligence in not as you ought & in many respects is very necessary adviseing us what you were doeing w^ch^: fault we desire may be amended in y^e^ future we hope all y^e^ Goods both remaines of y^e^ last yeare w^ch^: are large & what you have given money on this yeare according to order hence will be gotten in Sorted prized & packed in due time Soe y^t^ these Ships may be dispatched early according to our Masters orders this yeare & if possible together.

Wee order you on receipt of these to be Sending aboard what goods you have ready a proportion of each Sort aboard each Ship according to their Burthen w^ch^: abateing y^e^ owners 5 ℔ Cent Tonnage is Viz^t^: y^e^ Ship Williamson 570 t^s^ & Society & Nathaniel 541 D^to^ each & y^e^ ffalcon 351 t^s^ y^e^ ffalcons ℔^t^ you must detaine till they Shall Come into y^e^ Roade to receive it, when you Send off Goods you must write off to M^r^ Threder what Sorts of Goods they are w^th^: their Markes and Numbers w^ch^: you Send & for what Ship y^t^ he may accordingly See them laden & take intelligeble receipts in his Bookes for them Copies of w^ch^: he will from time to time Send you ashoare & by this methodicall way of proceeding y^e^ Drawing out of Invoices Bills of Ladeing &c^a^ together with y^e^ Dispatch of y^e^ Ships will be much facilitated & expedited & therefore wee desire you to take good notice & exactly follow what have enordered & we Shall give such orders & Soe prepare Jn^o^: Thredder here as y^t^ we hope there Shall be noe mistakes on his Side.

Wee find y^t^ you have a Bale of Coloured Cloths put ashoare at Ballasore out of these Ships we Suppose it to be fine cloth for ℔sents &c^a^ & order you to Send it up ℔ y^e^ Arrivall on y^e^ first Good Conveyance but if ye Merchants there Should be very earnest for a little of it you may lett them have it at 20^Rs^: ℔ yard & not under we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^: VINCENT
EDW^D^: READE
EDM^D^: BUGDEN
RICH^D^: MOHUN

To Y^E COMMANDERS OF Y^E EUROPE SHIPS NOW RIDEING IN Y^E HON^BLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^AS: SERVICE IN BALLASORE ROADE.

Gentlemen HUGLY: 9^TH NOVEMBER 1678

Wee have on y^e Arrivall Sent down M^r: John Threder to take to lade aboard you both from hence & Ballasore Such Goods & in Such proportions as he has & from time to time shall receive orders from us here & our friends there & we doe desire & order you y^t you give Strict injunctions to your mates &c^a Officers at noe time nor on any termes to bussle for or take aboard any more or other Sort of goods then he y^e Said John Threder Shall according to our Advises lade aboard of each of your Ships it being of bad Consequence in Sev^ll: respects besides y^e inconvenience of putting us & y^e factors at Ballasore by our method of ladeing you & giveing each of your Ships according to their Burthens a due proportion of every Sort of goods.

Wee desire you to be Civill to him while he remaines aboard your Ships & y^t on all Occations he may have one of your boates to goe from Ship to Ship for ladeing of goods &c^a & y^t you would if he finds any great need for it assist him w^th: your long boates alsoe wee Subscribe

Your very Loveing ffriends
MAIT^S: VINCENT
EDW^D: READE
EDM^D: BUGDEN
RICH^D: MOHUN

GEORGE HERRON HUGLY 11^TH: NOVMB^R: 1678.

Haveing laden Such Goods upon y^e Arrivall Catch as we think fitt we order you upon receipt hereof to goe on board & Sett Saile w^th: y^e first Oportunity makeing all Convenient hast you Can to Ballasore Roade & when you arrive thither you are to follow M^r: Threders orders for delivering all y^e Goods on board y^e English Ships & for your returne hither & takeing in lead of y^e Hon^ble: Companies we wish you a good Voyage & Rem^a:

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^S: VINCENT
EDW^D: READE
EDM^D: BUGDEN
RICH^D: MOHUN

M^R: SAM^ll HERVY
S^rs HUGLY 12^TH: NOVEMBER 1678

Our last to you was of y^e 28^th ultimo Since w^ch: we have rec^d yours of y^e 2^d & 5 Currant & are glad y^e 6000^Rups hence & y^e Sev^ll; Bills from Cassumbazar are all received.

M^r: Trenchfeild arrived hither yesterday & in a day or two Shall be Comeing towards you w^th one writer when you may Send downe Matthew Sheppard we expect Suddenly to heare of M^r: Nedhams Arrivall at Cassumbazar y^e Timbers Cannot possibly Come from Ballasore except our friends there Could have gott them ready to have Sent on y^e Ganges that is now Comeing up haveing laine long in Ballasore

to be repaired untill y^e^ end of y^e^ yeare when one of y^e^ Sloopes may goe into y^t^ River & bring y^e^ timbers up or they may Come on one of y^e^ boates w^ch^: yearly Carry Peter hence aboard y^e^ Ships.

Ordinary Green Cloth we have none in y^e^ house nor above p^s^ fourty odd red Cloth Soe that we hope it will rise in a little time y^e^ white & red Lead if noe one understands y^e^ use of them w^th^: you send downe by Matthew Sheppard.

Inclosed Comes Invoices of y^e^ 17 Bales of broadcloth Sent you y^e^ 6 of July last as of y^e^ fine Cloth you received in August following y^e^ former amo^ts^: to Rup^s^ 6049: 11^a^ y^e^ latter to Rups 2054: $2\frac{3a}{4}$ for w pray give our Acco^t^ Currant Credit as we Shall you for what of it used in makeing y^e^ Princes present there.

The one halfe p^s^. Cloth Cannot yet find out w^ch^: Came Short in y^e^ 17 Bales abovesaid not being able by reason of our Saltpeter at ℔ sent to Come at y^e^ remaineing Broadcloth here y^t^ lying in a Roome whose pendall is all filled up w^th^ peter assoone as y^t^ is shipped off we Shall examine y^e^ Said remaines & accord y^t^ acco^t^ if we Can.

The Looking glass w^ch^: we gave in y^e^ great Eunuch Nazar Mahbarucks noate of his ℔ sent but Came Short we have now Sent as alsoe 6 Coconuts Hookers & 6 Long Nulls we are glad you are faire withall hopeing we Shall alwaies Continue Soe & y^t^ noe occation of this Governour who is a very troublesome fellow poore & Ravinous will be taken for graunted against us without heareing our answer & defence we find our Gautbarra here a great priviledge as well as honour to our Masters & you must be Carefull of it we are glad Booremull is in favour there if he Could have y^e^ Governm^t^: of Hugly & Ballasore we Should w^th^: less trouble be able to Settle & fix our Masters priviledges in this troublesome place he is a person Soe well accomplished for Government y^t^ you Cannot Say too much for him & we thinke wee need not urge you to doe for him what lyeth in your power your bookes of Acco^ts^ & Cloth will be welcome we are

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^: VINCENT
EDW^D^: READE
EDM^D^: BUGDEN
RICH^D^ MOHUN

M^r^: RICH^D^ EDWARDS &C^A^

S^rs^

HUGLY 15 NOVEMBER: 1678

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 9^th^ Currant Since w^ch^ we have rec^d^ yours of y^e^ 30^th^: ultimo and 6^th^ ℔ sent y^e^ former not till y^e^ 13 at night Coppy of y^e^ Princess new Neshaun Chauped by y^e^ Cozzee at Dacca we Sometime Since Sent you w^ch^: we hope will be enough without any other papers (w^ch^: Came to y^e^ Kings Duan at Dacca not to us) to Cleare all business w^th^: you the 10 over cast in your Acco^ts^ of Aprill Shall be rectified in your bookes we are glad you Shall have all y^e^ Goods ready as enordered in due time your want of timely advizeing of which has been inconvenient both for us & you. you have Satisfied Cullian Rayes objection y^e^ Lilly is arrived hither but we doe not yet heare of y^e^ Ganges but hope Shall in a day or two more if She Came over y^e^ bar at y^e^ new moone it now growing towards y^e^ full The Acco^t^ of y^e^ weight of goods rec^d^: by you out of y^e^ Ships this yeare we have rec^d^: and delivered to y^e^ Warehousekeeper to Compare w^th^: y^e^ Bills of ladeing y^e^ price of y^e^ peice of tutanague wanting from y^e^ Society we hope you have recovered & we Shall bring to your account we have Sent you on y^e^ Sarah M^r^: Bugdens Vessell Sev^ll^. for presents & on y^e^ Ganges Shall remit you a Bale of Broadcloth for, you may use alsoe 10 yds of Sky Coloured Cloth instead of fine green all y^e^ rest of Coloured Cloth pray Send hither as formerly enordered a Looking-glass will Come hence alsoe Soe y you may make Nooroola Cauns ℔sent according to use when he passes by & take on this ℔wanna.

What you have done as to y^e^ prizes of goods we approve off & question not but by a timely Investment made there in y^e^ Spring or about March or Aprill next y^t^ all those Sorts of Goods (you now mention at 17 or 18 ℔ Cent Cheaper then formerly) will be procureable yet more reasonable.

The Muster of Cossaes you Sent we Cannot esteem fitting for y^e^ Markets of Europe neither are y^e^ Mullmulls of those parts good being a Sanna thread & not of y^t^ Softness requisite in y^t^ Sort of Cloath y^e^ muster of Cossaes we have returned you y^e^ Hummums are Coarser then required by our Masters y^e^ Sannaes you may buy if of y^e^ length & breadth enordered & you want them to make up y^e^ quantity this yeare required Turmerick & Sticklack we desire you to gett ready what quantity you Can not exceeding what formerly ordered.

Gold being very low we well approve of what you have done in its Sale & hope you have been able to bring y^e^ Merchants to 14 : 2 ℔ tola y^e^ Dollers are indiffirently well Sold Considering these times.

Assoones as Ramsey & Vandervell are well pray Send them aboard y^e^ English Ships & if they doe really Confirme to our orders you may Send them as Seamen to Serve on board otherwise as formerly advised we heare there are Severall there who doe & will enter themselfes into y^e^ Moores Service pray give those men warning y^t^ we will not (where it Can be avoyded) Suffer them Soe to doe & acquaint those moores (giveing y^e^ Governour notice thereof alsoe) y^t^ we will give noe Such Ship our pass but Shall order our Ships to take Such their pilotts out whereas they meet them at Sea & therefore let them looke to their Selfes we haveing given them timely notice.

Wee have rec^d^ your answer to M^r^ : Bugdens Complaint & haveing given you order in a former letter Concerning y^e^ delivery of his part of y^e^ Ship Maldiva Merch^t^ : with y^e^ ladeing to his use & order we hope your Complyance therewith & Shall Say noe more to it at present.

Charles Eyres Came here Some daies agoe & James Sowden is alsoe arrived you may detaine Charles Cross w^th^ : you till y^e^ Ships are departed for your assistance there Matt^w^ : Sheppard assoone as M : Trenchfeild Shall gett Dacca whither he is bound the 18^th^ : Currant God willing will have order to Come thence & will be Sent downe for your assistance But M^r^ : Byam Cannot remove hence till after y^e^ Ships departure & he Can have delivered his business here to M^r^ Peacock.

Wee take notice y^t^ you have Signified to M^r^ : John Smith y^t^ he is discharged y^e^ Hon^ble^ Companies Service & y^t^ he must on these Ships repaire to y^e^ ffort w^ch^ : he hath promised to Comply withall by y^e^ Acco^t^ of packing Materialls now Sent us we find M^r^ Trenchfeild has had wrong done him in y^e^ accusation ℔ sented against him & have accordingly taken notice of it & Cleared by Consultation y^e^ 12 Skins of parchment you Sent by y^e^ Lilly we received alsoe on here are Come 18 piggs of lead.

Invoice of what Sent you for presents Comes hence w^th^ : acco to which refer you & Calling nothing else to mind remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ : VINCENT
BDW^D^ : READE
EDM^D^ : BUGDEN
RICH^D^ MOHUN

Wee understand y^t^ Chimcham & Company have desired to build a warehouse in y^e^ ffactory to house & Secure their goods they yearly bring in for y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Acco if they be urgent w^th^ : you for it you may Consent thereto Soe they will let it be done in y^e^ Comp^as^ : Name

not theirs else we may hereafter have trouble from Governours in w^ch^: respect they Shall be bound never to bring any goods into it but Such as our Masters Generall require nor Shall Carry any out but as returned Goods you must be Cautious in this point both for our ℔sent employes & Security if there be Saltpeter to be had there you may Secure it but at as Cheap rates as you Can.

Wee have onely Sent you an Acco^t^: of toyes &c^a^ now Sent you for presents y^e^ Invoice of them Shall follow in y^e^ Gen^ll^: Invoice of what goods &c^a^ you have rec^d^ out of this yeares Shipping.

Ydem: M: VINCENT
E: READE
E: BUGDEN
R: MOHUN

M^R^ JOHN THREDDER HUGLY 16 NOVEMBER 1678

Wee have now laden on y^e^ Ketch Sarah Eight hundreed Baggs of double refined Saltpeter five hundred Baggs you are to lade on y^e^ Williamson & three hundreed baggs on board y^e^ Nathaniell intending by y^e^ Keth Ganges. to Send y^e^ Society & Nathaniell their proportion.

Alsoe aboard y^e^ Ketch Sarah is laden for Ballasore factory one Bale of Ordinary broadcloth one fardle of Scarlett one box of toyes one Case w^th^: a Looking-glass one ℔cell of Sword Blades in waxcloth all w^ch^ we would have you by first Oportunity Send ashoare w^th^. our letters to M^r^: Edwards &c^a^ this being y^e^ needfull at ℔sent from

the M[as]ters receipt for y^e^ abovementioned Goods Comes enclosed the last Voyage but one there were Sent hence on y^e^ Arrivall 1200 baggs Saltpeter w^th^ order to be laden 750 on y^e^ Williamson & 450 [on y^e^ Society] w^ch^: accordingly was ℔formed but a difference in Sale arizeing there were noe receipts taken for y^e^. Said you are therefore now ordered to take in your bookes receits for 750 baggs laden on y^e^ Williamson & 450 d^o^ [on ye Society] & if they Scruple they w^d^ Signe said receipts w^th^ their exceptings.

Your Loveing ffriends
MATTS: VINCENT
EDW^D^ READE
EDM^D^ BUGDEN
RICH^D^ MOHUN

ydem [M. VINCENT]
[E. READE]
[E. BUGDEN]
[R. MOHUN]

M^R^: SAM^LL^ HERVY &c^A^

S^rs^ HUGLY 18^TH^ NOVEMBER 1678:

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 12^th^: Currant to w^ch^: refer you this Comes by M^r^: Rich^d^ Trenchfeild whome we have appointed to be Second at Dacca & order you to deliver him your bookes of Acco^ts^ &c^a^ belonging to Said his place in your factory as

alsoe to have Joynt inspection w^th^ : you & M^r^ : Pownsett into y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : in y^t^ place w^th^ him we have Sent Sev^lls^ : for presents as ℔ y^e^ enclosed Invoice amo^t^ : to Rup^s^ [*lacuna in the original*] w^ch^ : you are to dispose off as you Shall find Cause & may be most Conducive to your good Correspondence w^th^ : y^e^ Officers of y^t^ Court Broadcloth you may hold up what you have in your hands we haveing left here but 41 h^a^ : peices & all red & a very little fine Cloth Some of which is Coloured we have alsoe two Small ℔cells of an excellent new fashioned Silver & Gold Galloome w^ch^ : if there Should be great occation for y^e^ Prince may be Sent you Your goods pray hasten away what possible it growing late in y^e^ yeare we remaine

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^ : VINCENT
EDW^D^ : READE

Wee have Sent you ¼ of a rheame of Dutch royall paper 2 rheame of Dutch Medium 1 rheame of venice writing paper & 3 rheame of horne D^to^ : paper also 400 quills for your factories use

ydem M : V
E. R

M^r^ : RICHARD EDWARDS &C^A^
S^rs^ HUGLY 20^TH^ NOVEMB^R^ : 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 15^th^ : Currant to w^ch^ : refer you this Comes at y^e^ instance of Mellick Cossum who wants Some iron Guns for a Vessel of his now proceeding to Sea Mirza Woolley your Governour there will Come & looke on what Gunns you have there & make Choyce of those he has Occation for & you may deliver him he paying y^e^ Market price there w^ch^ we understand is 8 ^rs^ :—: y^e^ money pray receive ere you deliver him y^e^ Guns.

The Ganges Arrived hither last night & to-morrow will be Come towards you againe we Call not else to mind remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends
MATT^s^ : VINCENT
EDW^D^ : READE
EDM^D^ : BUGDEN

M^R^ EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^
Loveing ffriends HUGLY 20^TH^ : NOVEMBER 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 31^st^ : ultimo we Come now to answer yours of y^e^ 14 Curr^tt^ : & are glad y^e^ Throwster lately Sent you may be able to doe y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Camp^as^ : Service if Jn^o^ : Griffin will goe he may this when he Comes downe we Shall make engage Sometime in their Service.

℔ y^e^ next boates y^t^ Come up to your residence we Shall Send Sev^lls^ : for ℔sents both for your Governour at Muxodavad & him at Rajamaul y^t^ Soe you may have a good Correspondence & Carry on our Masters affaires y^e^ more in unterrupted w^th^ : them both.

The Invoice of 309 bales of Silk & 7 Chest Taffaties we have rec^{d} & Shall pass y^{e} Acco^{t} to your Credit & in this Hurry of business & your want of assistance doe allow your way of Chargeing it & takeing Care to Carry y^{e} abatem^{t}: y^{t} Shall be made thereon to proffit & Loss but doe expect when you Shall as we hope will be next yeare be at more quiett & have better help y^{t} you alwaies Invoice it at y^{e} neerest & last price [*a few words lost*].

Wee are are sorry y^{e} boates [*a few words lost*] [were stopped] neer a month at Mung[eer] haveing as M^{r} Charnock &c^{a} Complaines been prejudiciall to y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires at Pattana for want of due [*lacuna in the original*] so y^{t} they Shall be forced to be at interest for beginning their new Investment there y^{e} business of y^{e} Suspected Dustick w^{ch}: you write was occation of Said Stop is now under examination & we Shall doe what find requisite therein [&] endeavour to prevent y^{e} like in y^{e} future.

Wee give M^{r} Edward Littleton licence to Come downe to Hugly & Ballasore but desire him to See as much of our Masters goods thence as is possible & to leave y^{e} remainder in Such a posture as y^{t} it may not be long delayed after him.

John Naylor y^{e} Dier alsoe being intended to Send his Son home to be educated in England (w^{ch}: thing we are very forward to encourage) has alsoe requested by a ℔ticuler letter to y^{e} Cheif & our leave to Come downe & goe to Ballasore w^{ch}: for y^{e} reason abovesaid have graunted unto him Calling not else to mind rest

Your very Loveing ffriends

MATT^{s}: VINCENT
EDW^{D}: READE
EDM^{D} BUGDEN
RICH^{D} MOHUN

M^{R}: JOHN THREDDER HUGLY 22^{D} NOVEMBER 1678.

Wee have now laden on y^{e} Ketch Ganges & two freighted Vessells accompt y^{e} Hon^{ble} Company Sev^{ll}: goods as is under Specified w^{ch}: you must take Care are laden on y^{e} Ships Williamson & Society as now enordered.

Goods laden on y^{e} Ketch Ganges Viz^{t}

Saltpeter treble refined 350 Baggs

Bales of Silk mk^{t}: A 38 : B 1 : E 35 : D 6 : M 3 : N 9 : 01 : in all 93 Baggs

Chests of Taffaties { 109: 110: 111: 112: 113: 114: 117: 118: 119: 122, 13 Bales : 1 to 13 N^{o} : A inclusive 2 Bales C : N^{o} : 1 : 2

Taffaties Raw 4 Bales

On y^{e} Ketch Mary Viz^{t}

Saltpeter treble refined 400 Baggs

C Bales of silk 90 N^{o} 1 to 90 inclusive

B Chests of Taffaties 10 N^{o} B 1 to 10 inclusive

On y^{e} Ketch Princess

Saltpeter treble refined 4000 Baggs

To be laden on y^{e} Ship Williamson.

Saltpeter	350 Baggs
Chests Taffaties	25
Bales Silk ...	93
Taffaties Raw	4 Bales

To be laden on y^e^ Society.

Saltpeter	800 Baggs
Chests Taffaties	10
Bales Silk	90

And now enclosed Send you two Receipts from under y^e^ hands of y^e^ Boatswains Williamson & Society w^ch^: you must get on [*a few words lost*] bookes & [*a few words lost*] [y^m^ when deliver y^m^ their receipts.]

Wee againe recommend to your care [*a few words lost*] especiall Care to inspect [into the] Markes of y^e^ Seve^ll^: Sorts of Goods & Numbers mentioned herein y^t^ there may arise noe mistake at makeing their Invoices.

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^: VINCENT
EDW^D^: READE
EDM^D^: BUGDEN
RICH^D^ MOHUN

CAP^T^: BASS — HUGLY 22^D^ NOVEMBER 1678.

Please to receive aboard y^e^ Ship Williamson 4 Pattaras of Ophium belonging to M^r^: Robert Dowglass upon y^e^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Tonnage, w^ch^: are to be delivered at Madrass.

MAT^s^: VINCENT

M^r^: EDWARD LITTLETON &C^A^
S^rs^ — HUGLY 22^D^: NOVEMBER 1678.

Our last to you was dated y^e^ 20^th^: Currant we have Since rec^d^: yours of y^e^ 16 D^to^ together w^th^: y^e^ 196 Bales of Silk & 25 Chests Taffaties expecting y^e^ remainder of what Can be got ready this yeare Suddenly.

Herredass y^e^ Gomausteh of Succonund Saw we have Called & proffered to take w^t^: money he has of his employers into y^e^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Cash here & to Charge y^e^ vallue on you there according to your advise but he denies to have any at ꝑsent but what is light money Soe y^t^ we have hitherto received none of him Soe y^t^ you must take Care to Supply us thence according to our former orders we remaine.

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^s^: VINCENT
EDW^D^: READE
EDM^D^: BUGDEN
RICH^D^ MOHUN

CAP^T^: STAFFORD — HUGLY 23^D^ NOVEMBER 1678

Pray receive on board y^e^ Ship ffalcon on y^e^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Tonnage for Acco: M^r^ Edward Reade to be delivered at ffort St. George viz^t^ 5 Bales Silk & 1 fardle D^to^: 2 Jars of Butter & one Quarter Cask of Mangoes

MATT^s^: VINCENT

M^R^ : JOB CHARNOCK &c^A^

Loveing ffriends HUGLY 23^D^ : NOVEMBER 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 20^th^ : ultimo to w^ch^ : refer you yours of y^e^ 28^th^ : last month Came not to our receipt till y^e^ 18^th^ : Currant & note your observations on those papers we Sent you much wondring they Should be interpreted w^th^ : you Soe differently from what they were at Dacca where they were by y^e^ Princes Officers thought of Soe great force y^t^ by meanes of them we as it were extorted y^e^ Princes Neshaun very much against y^e^ will of Ray Moollook chund who you know is a powerfull ℔son in y^t^ Court & Could not be Soe blind as not to See those flaws now found out y^e^ Princes Neshaun runs thus. To all great Officers &c^a^ of Bengall & Orixa y^t^ now are or hereafter Shall be It has been represented to y^e^ Prince y^t^ excepting y^e^ Port of Surratt y^e^ English according to y^e^ Kings ℔maund are Custome free all over y^e^ empire (or Mumaluck Marosa) in Obedience to w^ch^ y^e^ former Governours of those two provinces have at noe time hindreed them on y^t^ Accompt [*a word lost*] Lately a Husbull Hookum is Come to y^e^ Duan of Bengall from y^e^ Emperor under y^e^ Vizier Assut Cauns Seale or Chaup [Come] y^e^ English being Custome free upon all w^ch^ y^e^ Prince ordered this his Neshaun be given them y^t^ whatever goods their factors shall import or export by land or by water they be not any waies molested or stopped on Acco^t^ : of Custome but that they be let goe free &c^a^ as you may See in y^e^ Coppy of y^e^ Neshaun we enclosed Send you & if you think it may availe you there we will on your Advise Send you a Coppy thereof attested by y^e^ Cozzee of Dacca now y^e^ Princes Neshaun being procured Cheifly by meanes of those ℔maunds &c^a^ : till they Came we meeting w^th^ : great difficulty at Dacca we are apt to hope they may be of better import then you Seeme to think wherefore we Continue on y^e^ Same opinion as formerly onely if for a Bribe y^e^ Vaqueel Can get those Copies advantagiously penned & attested by y^e^ Cozzee at Dilly you may give him order accordingly yet we Say y^t^ if Such a ℔ maund for our Masters tradeing Custome free Could be taken out as Should hence forward free them from giveing any piseashes as usuall if you Can be Satisfied of y^e^ Certainty of this we are of opinion y^t^ it will be well worth y^e^ while to be at y^e^ Charge of it though it should Cost 40000 ^Rups^ : but if you find Such an assurance difficult to be made out to you it will be better as we Judge to make Shift w^th^ : what we have now got till our further experience Shall Convince us y^t^ y^e^ other is of an absolute Necessity in y^e^ meane time y^e^ use of our being Custome free goes on & growes Stronger & Stronger by length of time.

If you have two Copies of Aurung Zeebs ℔maund for our paying Custome onely in Surratt Sealed or Chauped by y^e^ Dilly Cozzee pray Send us one of them possibly they may be of use to us here.

What answer M^r^ : Charnock has Sent as to his not accepting to be 5^th^ : of y^e^ Councell of ffort S^t^ : George we Shall on these Ships returne thither.

Wee are Sorry you have mett w^th^ : Soe many disappointm^ts^ : in getting downe y^e^ last ℔cell of 3000^Mds^ : peter by y^e^ Seizure of y^e^ boates &c^a^ Soe y^t^ to y^e^ day of y^e^ date of yours you had not gott boates (though money was given out for them) to bring it downe alsoe y^t^ you feared Should be Stopped by your Nabob, we hope they are long ere now on their way though we have not heard of them & y^t^ your Nabob when he Comes to be a little better acquainted w^th^ : y^e^ nature of y^e^ Governm^t^ : of y^e^ place by w^ch^ : time alsoe his belly will be better filled he will be more favorable.

The Boates w^th^ : Treasure we hope are long Since Cleared & y^e^ treasure Sold till w^ch^ as y^e^ urgency of our Masters affaires require it you must take up money at Interest you had Certainely been Supply'd w^th^ : money as former yeares from Cassumbazar but of late Treasure has Sold as Slowly there as at Pattana w^ch^ : was y^e^ reason we Sent now & last yeare proportion of quick Stock in Specie.

The Invoice of peter we have rec^d^ & Shall pass y^e^ Acco^t^ : [to] y^e^ Credit of your factory [*one word lost*] in those Copies we have desired of Shau Jehauns & [late] kings ℔maund Chauped [*a few words lost*] of Dilly and Provinces [*a few words lost*] Cozzee be mentioned among y^e^ other Provinces Specified in both wherein English are declared to be Custome free & all officers ordered not to demand any thing on y^t^ Acco^t^ but onely at y^e^ port of Surratt &c^a^ it would we think by y^e^ help of this Princes Neshaun

& our former papers of our Masters priviledges in these parts Settle their affaires in Bengall Soe as not easily to be reduced to y^e^ late distraction they began to be in we Should not advise you to this being in its Self we Confess noe very Commendable way but onely to obviate & as it were fence our Selfes from y^e^ unreasonableness of Officers of this Empire w^ch^ : we now looke upon to be warrantable enough y^e^ King himselfe by his Husbull Hookum haveing declared it to be y^e^ Scence of his ℔maund y^t^ we pay noe Custome onely in Surratt & according to our Cuddeeme Dustoore or Ancient wont y^e^ w^ch^ : we not haveing to doe in Beng^ll^ : (of w^ch^ : port we presure y^e^ King Could not be ignorant) we are by Said Husbull Hookum as a good expositor on his ℔maund Custome free & we doe by this way endeavour onely to make our Masters priviledges not against y^e^ King who is our great favorer but y^e^ avarice & rapatiousness of his great men.

Wee Call not else to mind Save y^t^ for want of y^e^ peter &c^a^ Goods they Comeing downe late we have resolved to despatch y^e^ Williamson & Society first (by y^e^ 15^th^ : of next month if we Can) & y^e^ other two Ships afterwards we remaine

Your assured Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ : VINCENT
EDW^D^ : READE
EDM^D^ : BUGDEN
RICH^D^ : MOHUN

HUGLY 27^TH^ NOVEMBER 1678

A List of provisions &c^a^: necessaries laden on board y^e^ Arrivall to be reladen on y^e^ Ship Williamson for Acco^t^ : of Rich^d^ Mohun Viz^t^

RM
- Three Chests qts Arrack
- Ten Jars of Atchar & Sweetmeats
- One Quarter Cask of Atchar
- Ten Baggs of Gram

MATT^S^ : VINCENT

M^R^ : SAM^LL^ : HERVY &C^A^

S^rs^

HUGLY 29^TH^ : NOVEMBER 1678

Our last to you was of y^e^ 18^th^ Currant to w^ch^ : refer you these Come onely to enclose a blanck bond w^ch^ : you must get M^r^ Rich^d^ : Trenchfeild to Signe & Seale & to be witnessed by two ℔sons alsoe he must name two ℔sons, to be his Security as Customary in England we have not more to add but y^t^ we are

Your Loveing ffriends

MATT^S^ : VINCENT
EDW^D^ : READE
EDM^D^ : BUGDEN
RICH^D^ MOHUN

M^R : RICH^D : EDWARDS &C^A

HUGLY 29^TH NOVEMBER 1678

:S^RS

Our last to you was of y^e 20^th Currant to w^ch : refer you we have rec^d : [yours of y^e] 18^th : D^to & are [very] glad you are Soe well employed & y^t our Masters [*a few words lost*] Soe good [*a few words lost*] there M^r Byam Cannot possibly Come downe [*a few words lost*] Oportunity to deliver his Charge here to M^r Peacock from whome we expect y^t he keepes & Carries it on in y^e Same method he receives it.

The Guns we hope you have had an oportunity by y^e Commanders Comeing [on] Shoare to get veiwed ere this let a paper be drawn up Specifying how they [*one word lost*] them to be & what they may be [*one word lost*] gett them to Signe it w^ch : deliver to M^r Reade at his arrivall thither y^e whole Number of y^e bad Guns are 26 peices.

Wee have had y^e Same dispute here about y^e Princes Neshaun as it Seemes you have had w^th : your Governour there but we have Satisfied ours as we hope you have done or may doe yours for this Neshaun is better penned then Sha Shujah's was for y^t runs thus y^t y^e English declared they had Shau Jehauns ℔maund for being Custome free on w^ch he did graunt us his Neshaun to Said effect ordering all Govern^rs to act to Said ℔maund but this Princes Nehsaun is penned thus y^t y^e English declared before him y^t excepting Surratt they were by y^e Kings ℔maund Custome free all over this Kings Dominions & now lately a husbull hookum w^th : Copies of Shau Jehauns ℔maund & y^e ℔sent Kings Concerning y^e English was Come from Nabob Aussut Caun (y^e ℔sent Vizier) by order of y^e King to y^e Duan of Bengall wherein y^e King ordered y^t except at Surratt y^e English to pay noe Custome this Comeing in answer to a remonstrance made by said Duan in y^e English behalfe & Sent w^th Copies of all y^e ℔wannaes &c^a for their priviledges upon which y^e Prince graunts that we be Custome free &c^a accordingly ordering all according to y^e Kings S^d : ℔maund w^ch : y^e Prince haveing Seen is witness off whereby we are not Soe much [put to] to Shew y^e ℔maund as formerly Sha Shujah onely writeing y^t we onely affirm we had one but this y^t y^e King had Sent Such an order to his Duan of Bengall Soe y^t you may argue in this nature & assoone as it Can be done we have tak[en] Care to gett Copies of Said Husbull hookum & ℔maunds attested by y^e Cozzee of Dilly w^ch : done we hope will Cleare all.

The Sloope Lilly arrived hither in Safety as alsoe y^e Ganges y^e latter was dispa[tched] the 22^d : Currant w^th a Cargoe of peter &c^a : to y^e Roade y^e 18 piggs of lead & 10 Skins parchment we have rec^d : on y^e former & y^e 35 piggs of lead by y^e latter.

Wee have acquainted M^r : Bugden what you write about M^r : Smith & delive[red] him Zeph^a. Hiltons Acco^t w^ch : he will Methodize & Send M^r Smith w^th what [else] needfull in y^t ℔ticuler.

The Coloured Broadcloth you should not have Sold any of it without [order] what of it is bought if by any of y^e Merch^ts : will not goe under 20^s ℔ yard Broad [cloth] will now doubtless Come into esteem we haveing here not above 40 ps : ordinary all we are Sorry this ℔cell of fine cloth is Soe damaged if it has been through def[ault] of y^e Ship you must advise as we may to y^e Hon^ble : Company.

Pray have especiall Care of your packing to prevent y^e Shiveery of your [*a word or two lost*] & alwaies write off w^th : y^e Goods y^t y^e Bales be well loken on when [taken to y^e] Ship & y^t if it Seemes otherwise Conditioned then you [*one word lost*] then returne them by y^e Same peon giveing him Charge to bring y^e Porgoe man to [*one word lost*] while Said Bale Shall be opened & reveiwed foure or five times Serving them thus would possibly affrighten them from Stealing from us & in reference to this it would doe well when you Send off porgoes to Send a peon on every one ordering y^e Banian to take y^e Names of y^e Said Peons & Porgoe Noteing w^ch : goes w^th ; w^ch : & what Sort & quantity of goods each Carries & when dispatches them from y^e water Side downe to encharge each porgoe man w^th : y^e Peon y^t goes in his boate & if any fault be found aboard y^t y^e peon bring y^e porgoe man to y^e factory w^th : him at his returne to answer it.

Mr: Edward Reade takes his passage on ye Sloope Lilly we haveing ordered him to dispatch these Ships assoone as ye Goods expected & appointed for ym Can be Shipped aboard them he is alsoe to inspect ye Honble: Companies affaires wth you as Cheif while there & we require you to give him respect accordingly. Wee Call not else to mind Save yt we are

Your Loveing ffriends

MATTs: VINCENT
EDWd: READE
EDMd: BUGDEN
RICHd: MOHUN

Chimchams Accot ꝑticuler & his Accot in Company Comes enclosed by wch: he will See how his Ballance is you write other Merchts: are dissatisfied in their debts if you had ꝑticularized their Names their Accots alsoe Should have Come.

Ydem: M: Vt:
E Rd
E Bn
R Mn

CAPt STAFFORD — HUGLY 29 NOVEMB: 1678

[XF]DC. Pray receive aboard ye ship ffalcon on ye Honble: Compas: Tonnage 1 Bale marked as ꝑ Margent accot of Nichola Peirera to be delivered at Madrass.

MATTs: VINCENT

CAPT: STAFFORD — HUGLY 30TH NOVEMB: 1678

Pray ꝑmit Padre Manooll Gonsolves to take his passage on ye Ship ffaulcon wth: his two Servts & Necessaries for Madrass.

MATTs: VINCENT

Mr: JOHN THREDER — HUGLY 30th NOVEMBER 1678

We have now laden on ye Sevll: Vessells Goods as hereunder Specified wch: lade on ye Sevll: Ships as enordered in this letter.

Goods laden on ye Ketch Arrivall vizt

Saltpeter treble refined 500 Baggs.

Bales of Silk 244 Mkt Vizt No. A. 33 from No 1 to 33 inclusive B 70 Bales No 1: 2: 4: 5: 6: 8: 10: 11: 12: 13: 15: 17: 19: 20: 21: 22: 24: 25: 26: 27: 28: 30: 31: 34: 35: 36: 37: 38: 40: 41: 42: 43: 44: 45: 47: 48: 49: 50: 51: 52: 53: 54: 55: 56: 57: 58: 59: 60: 61: 62: 63: 64: 65: 66: 67: 68: 69: 70: 71: 72: 73: 74: 75: 76: 77: 78: 79: 80: 81: 82: No: C: 95 Bales from No: 1 to 81 : inclusive & No: 90 to 104 inclusive 14 Bales No: D 32 Bales from No: 1 to 32 inclusive [*a few words lost*] from No 1 to 14 inclusive 14 Bales in all 244 Bales

Mullmulls 17 Bales Mkt: M. 4 under ye Honble: Compas Markt.

On ye St: George

[Saltpeter treble refined 520 Baggs.]

On y^e^ Lilly

Saltpeter treble refined 100 Baggs

On y^e^ Boraes

Saltpeter treble refined 1025 Baggs.

Goods to be laden on y^e^ Ship Williamson

Saltpeter treble refined 1000 Baggs
Mullmulls 7 Bales

Goods to be laden on y^e^ Society

Saltpeter treble refined 1000 Baggs
Bales of Silk 100 N^o^ : A 33 N^o^ : B 67 :

Goods to be laden on y^e^ Nathaniell

Saltpeter treble refined 175 Baggs
Bales of silk [*one figure lost*] N^o^ : B 3 N^o^ : 83 D 32 N^o^ : E : 14

Wee would have you take especiall Care although y^e^ Warehousekeeper here hath given w^th^ : each Bora of Peter a Noat mentioning what Ship to lade y^er^ : peter that there is not more then 3205 Baggs laden on y^e^ Ship Williamson & 3000 Baggs on y^e^ Ship Society the overplus to be laden on y^e^ Ship Nathaniell alsoe 200 Bales of Silk on y^e^ Williamson & 190 Bales of Ditto on y^e^ Society y^e^ rest on y^e^ Nathaniell

If y^e^ Boatswaines of y^e^ Sev^ll^ Ships Scruples to Signe for as many Baggs of [*one word lost*] delivered them as you have an Acco^t^ off from y^e^ Vessells we Send hence let y^t^ not hinder their Signing in your Bookes you keep y^e^ full quantity & add to it if they would except See many Baggs for annually we find there is Some Small Mistakes on y^e^ [*one word lost*] baggs.

The diffirence on y^e^ Numbers of y^e^ Bales of Silk N^o^ : B is a mistake [y^t^ :] on board y^e^ ships for y^e^ Warehousekeeper rec^d^ : 113 Bales of y^t^ Mk^t^ : from Cassumb^r^ : N^o^ : 1 to 113 inclusive & 112 you acknowledge off Mk^t^ : N^o^ B you will See by y^e^ Arrivall & B 1 Bale N^o^ : 88 : was Sent by y^e^ Ganges afterwards w^th^ : 92 : Bales of silk of other Markes.

Inclosed we Send you y^e^ Master of y^e^ Arrivalls receipt for what goods now laden & y^e^ Boatswaine of y^e^ Williamsons receipt for Salt Peter he received from y^e^ Ketch Arrivall y^e^ first time She went hence [*a few words lost*] w^ch^ cause to be entred in your bookes when Signed by y^e^ Boatswaine of ye S^d^ : Ship [*a word lost*] Sent you to him.

Although y^e^ Boatswaines of y^e^ Ships may except against y^e^ Acco^t^ of [*one word lost*] as not right according to their Acco^ts^ : w^ch^ : by experience we find yearly as well as this yet [you] are upon noe Acco^t^ : let any Ship have one Bagg more then in this letter &c^a^ we formerly have advised that we have ordered you as you receive Acco^t^ : we Sent hence by Vessells of those on them we Remaine

Your Loveing ffriends

[Matt^s^ : Vincent]
[Edm^d^ : Bugden]
[Rich^d^ : Mohun]

℔ Sam^ll^ Anthony

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